

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/26/53

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (76-New)

SUBJECT: LOCKWOOD REEVES, was. - FUG.;  
 ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, was. - FUG.;  
 FRED DELL HAMMOND @ FUG.;  
 JAMES FLAVOUS ROOPER, wa. - FUG.  
 ESCAPE & RESCUE

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

NEW ORLEANS

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NAME AND ALIASES ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, was., Richard Theodore Wojciechowski, Dick Wojciechowski, Stephen Baker, Robert Stone

FBI # 4 229 558

Other Identifying #

OFFENSE (for which process was issued):

PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment, complaint or information is to be indicated here):

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NAME AND ALIASES

LOCKWOOD REEVES, was., Louis Reeves, Jr.  
 Red Reeves.

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OFFENSE (for which process was issued): Escape and Rescue

PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment, complaint or information to be indicated here): February 20, 1953, Vicksburg, Mississippi

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## NAME AND ALIASES

FRED DALE HAMMOND

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## NAME AND ALIASES

JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER, wa., "Red"

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI AIR-TEL

LOCKWOOD REEVES, WAS., ETAL, FUGITIVES, E AND R. REMYTEL THIS DATE.

PRESS INQUIRIES RE APPREHENSION OF SUBJECTS ROPER AND REEVES ANSWERED

THIS DATE EL PASO.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Per

LOCKWOOD REEVES, JAMES, ETAL, FUGITIVES, E AND R. BUERTEL TWENTY-FIFTH  
INSTANT. BEN PERRY MAYBE IDENTICAL WITH CHARLES HATHAWAY, WAS, 1-10  
GILBERT HATHAWAY, CHARLES EVERETT HURT, ROY WALLAWAY, CHARLES HURT,  
BEN PERRY, GEORGE REID, EDWARD WATSON, RALPH WILSON, WILLIAM OUTRAGE,  
KENETH MOUL, CHARLES HOWARD, FBI NUMBER TWO EIGHT TWO ONE SEVEN THREE  
SEVEN. BORN APRIL FIFTEEN, THIRTEEN, HOUSTON, TEXAS, FIVE FEET TEN,  
POUNDY COMPLEXION, RED HAIR, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BLUE EYES, SMALL NOSE  
RIGHT SIDE NOSE. RESIDENCE: TWO TWO NAUGHT FOUR WAYSIDE DRIVE, HOUSTON,  
TEXAS. SHERIFF, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, SEPTEMBER FORTY-ONE, POLICE  
KANSFIELD, LOUISIANA, NO DISPOSITION. SHERIFF, HOUSTON, TEXAS, OCTOBER  
FORTY-SIX, MORTHLESS CHECK, NO DISPOSITION. SHERIFF, LAGRANGE, TEXAS,  
SEPTEMBER FORTY-SEVEN, SWINDLING-FELONY, NO DISPOSITION. POLICE,  
TEXAS, OCTOBER FORTY-SEVEN, FUGITIVE LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, NO  
DISPOSITION. POLICE, ELGIN, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER FORTY-EIGHT, DISORDERLY  
CONDUCT AND CON-GAME, DISORDERLY CONDUCT DISMISSED, BOUND OVER GRAND JURY  
BOND THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON CON GAME. POLICE, SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA  
OCTOBER FIFTY, FORGERY, NO DISPOSITION. SHERIFF, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA  
NOVEMBER FIFTY-ONE, 18707-6, LATEST, SHERIFF,

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW ORLEANS URGENT

LOCKWOOD REEVES, WAS, ETAL, FUGS. E AND R. SUBJECT FRED DALLAS  
APPREHENDED BY BUREAU AGENTS HOUSTON THIS DATE, INCARCERATED  
UNCOOPERATIVE AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF ALLEN WEST AND FACTS OF HIS  
SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES. NO HAVE NECESSARY PAPERS FORWARDED TO  
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LOCKWOOD REEVES, WAS., LOUIS REEVES, L. W. REEVES, RED REEVES, ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, WAS., RICHARD THEODORE WOJCIECHOWSKI, STEPHAN BAKER, ROBERT STONE - FUG.; FRED DALE HAMMOND - FUG.; JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER, WA., RED - FUG., E & R. SUBJECTS, ALL FEDERAL PRISONERS, ESCAPED FROM WARREN COUNTY JAIL, VICKSBURG, MISS., AFTER MIDNIGHT, FEB. 20, 1953, APPARENTLY BY BURNING BARS OUT OF CELL WINDOW WITH ACETYLENE TORCH. SUBJECT REEVES AWAITING COURT ACTION IN ITSMV VIOLATION, NEW ORLEANS FILE #26-12816. SUBJECTS WEST, BAKER AND ROBER ALSO AWAITING COURT ACTION IN SEPARATE ITSMV VIOLATION, FILE #26-13888. AUTHORIZED COMPLAINTS FILED 2/20/53 BY SA JAMES STOCKTON before USC RUBY L. SHORT, VICKSBURG, CHARGING SUBJECTS WITH VIOLATION SECTION 751, TITLE 18, USC. \$4,000 BOND RECOMMENDED. REEVES DESCRIBED WHITE, 51 TO 52 YEARS, 5'7", 135 POUNDS TO 155 LBS., HAIR RED, RED, LIGHT BROWN AND SUNBURNED, POSSIBLY GREYING, EYES HAZEL, OCCUPATION OIL FIELD WORKER, CARPENTER, PAINTER, PAPER HANGER. WEST DESCRIBED WHITE, BORN MARCH 25, 1929, MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, 5'8", 150 POUNDS, HAIR BROWN, HAIR DARK BROWN, SINGLE, RESIDENCE 3817 EAST ST., SAGINAW, MICHIGAN, PARENTS DECEASED. HAMMOND DESCRIBED WHITE, BORN [REDACTED] MORGAN POINT, TEXAS, 5'8", 155 POUNDS, COMPLEXION OLIVE, EYES BROWN.

DARK BROWN, BUILD MEDIUM, SLENDER, TEETH GOOD, SINGLE, OCCUPATION ~~REDACTED~~

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METAL WORKER, TATTOO QUESTION MARK MIDDLE FINGER RIGHT HAND. TATTOO SWASTIKA BASE OF RIGHT THUMB, RESIDENCE SCHLITZ HOTEL, SIX CLINTON ST., CHICAGO, ILL., AND 8209 LEY ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS, MOTHER STELLA HAMMOND, 8209 LEY ROAD, HOUSTON. ROPER DESCRIBED WHITE, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FULTON, MISS., 5'7", 149 POUNDS, COMPLEXION RUDDY, HAIR LIGHT BROWN, EYES BLUE, OCCUPATION AUTO MECHANIC, SMALL CUT SCAR RIGHT SIDE OF NOSE. TWO INCH CUT SCAR INNER LEFT FOREARM NEAR WRIST, SMALL CUT SCAR RIGHT SIDE OF FOREHEAD, RESIDENCE 274 SOUTH FRONT ST., MEMPHIS, TENN., AND 2259 SPRING ST., TUPELO, MISS., SSN [REDACTED]. CHICAGO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION SCHLITZ HOTEL, 6 CLINTON ST. DETROIT CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT 3817 EAST ST., SAGINAW, MICH. EL PASO INTERVIEW ALVIN AND CLYDE REEVES, BROTHERS OF SUBJECT REEVES, WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING ON FARM AT BALMORHEA, TEXAS. HOUSTON INTERVIEW LEN REEVES AND STELLA REEVES, SUBJECT REEVES' BROTHER AND SISTER IN LAW, FREE, ILL. ALSO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT 8209 LEY ROAD, HOUSTON RE SUBJECT REEVES. MEMPHIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT 274 FRONT ST., MEMPHIS AND 2259 SPRING ST., TUPELO, MISS. SAN ANTONIO CONTACT GARLAND TERRY, PO BOX GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, AND WILLIAM "BILL" TERRY, BROTHER IN LAW OF REEVES, ENCINAL, TEXAS. CHICAGO REFER YOUR FILE 26-19094. HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO REFER YOUR FILES 26-3657 AND 26-9933 RESPECTIVELY FOR ADDITIONAL LEADS AS TO REEVES. EL PASO REFER HOUSTON REPORT DATED 11/7/51. ALL OFFICES ALERT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. WHEN SUBJECTS ARE

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AND ROPER APPREHENDED BY VICKSBURG PD 1/28/53 IN 1949 PONTIAC STATE  
HAD TWO SAWED OFF SHOTGUNS, ONE H & R REVOLVER, SHOTGUN SHELLS AND  
22 CALIBER AMMUNITION. IN VIEW OF THIS FACT, SUBJECTS MAY BE ARMED  
AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION.

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*Cc. Drug Sup.*

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LOCKWOOD REEVES, WAS., ETAL, FUGITIVES, E AND R. SUBJECTS

REEVES AND ROPER APPREHENDED ELEVEN AM THIS DATE BY SA WALDEN L.

GREEN AND DEPUTY SHERIFF BERT MARTIN AT HENRY REEVES HOME,

EALMORHEA, TEXAS. SUBJECTS ACCOMPANIED BY ONE BEN PERRY,

WHITE MALE, THIRTY NINE YEARS, BORN APRIL FIFTEEN, NINETEEN

THIRTEEN, FIVE FEET TEN, TWO HUNDRED LBS., LONG WAVY LIGHT RED

HAIR, BLUE EYES, MOLE ON RIGHT SIDE NOSE, HOME ADDRESS

TWENTY TWO ZERO TWO SOUTH WAYSIDE, HOUSTON, TEXAS, BASIC

FPC TWENTY- SEVEN OVER TWELVE, W OVER W. SUBJECTS IN POSSESSION

FIFTY- ONE OR FIFTY- TWO MODEL PONTIAC FOURDOOR DARK GREEN, A.

LICENSE ONE ZERO SEVEN DASH FOUR SEVEN THREE, MN P SIX RS DASH

ONE SIX SEVEN ONE SEVEN, WITH IGNITION WIRED AND LEFT FRONT

WINDOW VENT BROKEN. SUBJECTS LODGED CO. JAIL, OKK. PECOS, TEXAS,

AND ARE UNCOOPERATIVE AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECTS WEST AND

HAMMOND, AND ORIGIN OF THE PONTIAC. BUREAU IDENT. DIVISION WILL

RECORD ON BEN PERRY DESCRIBED ABOVE. HO WILL CHECK

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ADVISE OF ANY RECORD ON BEN PERRY DESCRIBED ABOVE. NO WILL BE

AT TWENTY- TWO ZERO TWO SOUTH WAYSIDE FOR INFORMATION RE BEN PERRY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING CONCERNING REFERENCED PONTIAC. NO

HAVE NECESSARY PAPERS FORWARDED AUSA EP.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DATE 2-26-53

MEMORANDUM FOR:

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

REFERENCE:

NAME Allen Clayton West *✓*  
FUGITIVE INDEX NO. 34826 F.B.I. NO. 4229551  
SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER IDENTIFYING NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SUBJECT LOCATED: \_\_\_\_\_ PROSECUTION DISMISSED \_\_\_\_\_ ON \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

CANCEL FUGITIVE STOPS FOR: CRIMINAL INDEX \_\_\_\_\_ S.S. INDEX \_\_\_\_\_ DESERTER INDEX \_\_\_\_\_  
CANCEL WANT IN L. E. B. \_\_\_\_\_ IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF FUGITIVE CARD 2-24-53 IDENT. MEMO RECEIVED YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
ADD ADDITIONAL ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_ DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_ CRIMINAL RECORD \_\_\_\_\_

Subject is positive & with FBI # 4229551  
(Per ser 1)

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DATE 2-26-53

MEMORANDUM FOR:

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

REFERENCE: True Mr. Hammond

NAME Fred Dale Hammond

FUGITIVE INDEX NO. [ ]

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SUBJECT LOCATED: ✓

PROSECUTION DISMISSED                     

ON 2-25-53

Bu. Agts. Houston, Texas - Incar. P.D. Houston

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

CANCEL FUGITIVE STOPS FOR: CRIMINAL INDEX ✓ S.S. INDEX                      DESERTER INDEX                     

CANCEL WANT IN L. E. B.                      IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO.                     

DATE OF FUGITIVE CARD 2-24-53 IDENT. MEMO RECEIVED YES                     

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DATE 3-5-53

MEMORANDUM FOR:

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

REFERENCE:

NAME Allen Clayton West *One/2 gix 3/*

FUGITIVE INDEX NO. 34826 F.B.I. NO. 4229-551

SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER IDENTIFYING NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT LOCATED: ☒ PROSECUTION DISMISSED ☐ ON 3-5-53

N.C. Highway Patrol near Shallotte, N.C.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

CANCEL FUGITIVE STOPS FOR: CRIMINAL INDEX ☒ S.S. INDEX ☐ DESERTED INDEX ☐

CANCEL WANT IN L. E. B. \_\_\_\_\_ IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FUGITIVE CARD 2-24-53 IDENT. MEMO RECEIVED YES ☐ NO ☐

ADD ADDITIONAL ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_ DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_ CRIMINAL RECORD \_\_\_\_\_

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REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED **NEW ORLEANS**

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>MAR 12 1953</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/24, 28; 3/2, 3/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WALDEN L. GREEN</b>
TITLE <b>"CHANGED"</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPE AND RESCUE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** WOJCIECHOWSKI, DICK WOJCIECHOWSKI, STEPHAN BAKER, ROBERT STONE - FUG.; REED DALE HAMMOND - FUG.; JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER, AL., RED - FUG.; BEN PERRY, WAS., CHARLES ELBERT HATHAWAY, CHARLES EVERETT HURT, ROY ELLAWAY, CHARLES HURT, GEORGE REID, EDWARD WATSON, RALPH WILSON, WILLIAM GUTHRIE, KENNETH HOUSE, CHARLES HOWARD - FUGITIVE.

**Synopsis of facts:** LOCKWOOD REEVES, JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER and BEN PERRY apprehended Balmorhea, Texas 11:00 A. M., 2/24/53, and lodged in Reeves County Jail, Pecos, Texas, same date. Subjects in possession 1949 Pontiac, 4-door green sedan bearing Arkansas License (1953) No. 107-473, Motor No. P6RS-16717. Pontiac was stolen at Vicksburg, Mississippi, 5:00 A. M., 2/20/53 - property of ROBERT MC GEE. Arkansas License reported lost at Lake Village, Arkansas 2/20/53 by HARVEY J. ADAMS, owner of a 1941 2-door Chevrolet. Subject PERRY was a Mississippi State prisoner at Vicksburg, Miss., charged with forgery. Subjects deny knowledge of details of the jail break at Vicksburg and deny theft of the 1949 Pontiac. United States Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi, declines prosecution of REEVES, ROPER and PERRY for Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle. REEVES and ROPER arraigned.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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before USC, Pecos, Texas. 2/25/53, and bond set at \$10,000.00. REEVES and ROPER signed Waivers of Removal. Sheriff's Office, Vicksburg, Mississippi, telephonically contacted the Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, and stated they would extradite subject BEN PERRY. PERRY signed a Waiver of Extradition on 2/25/53. REEVES and ROPER awaiting removal from Pecos by U. S. Marshal's Office. Estimated recovery value of the Pontiac - \$1100.00. SUBJECTS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is being marked "Changed" to include the name of subject BEN PERRY and aliases, as reported by the Bureau under FBI No. 2821737. The character INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE is being added to this report due to the fact that subjects stole a car in Vicksburg, Mississippi and transported same to Texas. It is noted that the United States Attorney at Jackson has declined prosecution on this charge.

AT PECOS, TEXAS

By airtel dated 2/20/53 the New Orleans Office reported that subjects LOCKWOOD REEVES, ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, FRED DALE HAMMOND and JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER, all Federal Prisoners, had escaped from Warren County Jail, Vicksburg, Mississippi sometime after midnight, February 20, 1953 - apparently by burning the bars out of their cell windows with an acetylene torch. Also, that these subjects were in jail awaiting court action on charges of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle. New Orleans requested that HARRY and CLYDE REEVES, brothers of LOCKWOOD REEVES, be located and interviewed at Balmorhea, Texas.

AT BALMORHEA, TEXAS

On 2/24/53 the writer contacted Deputy Sheriff BERT MARTIN who advised he was acquainted with CLYDE and HENRY REEVES.

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Deputy Sheriff MARTIN assisted the writer in the following investigation and apprehension:

Mrs. CLYDE REEVES, located on a farm approximately twelve miles from Balmorhea, advised that her brother-in-law, LOCKWOOD REEVES, had been in her home at approximately 9:00 A. M. with his brother HENRY REEVES. Mrs. REEVES stated that she did not know where LOCKWOOD came from, but that he had left her house after having a cup of coffee with HENRY REEVES in HENRY's GMC Truck.

HENRY REEVES was contacted at his farm adjacent to CLYDE REEVES' Farm, and he stated that his brother, LOCKWOOD REEVES, was in his house at that time. The writer and Deputy MARTIN took LOCKWOOD REEVES into custody at approximately 11:00 A. M., and questioned him concerning the whereabouts of any of the other prisoners. LOCKWOOD stated he did not know where the other men had gone, however, HENRY REEVES stated that LOCKWOOD had arrived in a car with two other men who were then in the bunkhouse approximately five hundred feet from the residence. Upon approaching this bunkhouse a late model Pontiac was noted parked at the rear of the building. A search of several of the rooms in the bunkhouse resulted in locating subjects ROPER and PERRY, who were sleeping in one of the rooms.

At the time the subjects were taken into custody, the Pontiac was examined, and the following items noted. The Pontiac appeared to be a late model, possibly a 1951 car, bearing 1953 Arkansas License 107-473 with Motor No. P6RS16717 on the engine block and left door frame. This car is a 4-door dark green, 6 cylinder, model. The left front ventilator window had been broken, and a short strip of wire joined the ignition wires together under the dashboard.

All three men were transported to Pecos, Texas and lodged in the Reeves County Jail. In a preliminary interview they denied having any knowledge of the whereabouts of other prisoners or the theft of the Pontiac. Subject PERRY, whose identity was not known at this time, stated he had been hitchhiking through Kentucky, Louisiana and Texas,

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and had hitched a ride with REEVES and ROPER.

MARVIN NORTON, brother-in-law of HENRY REEVES, advised that the three men had driven up to the REEVES residence at approximately 9:00 A. M., and had had a cup of coffee in the house. NORTON stated that in a conversation the three men seemed to each tell a different story of how they got to Balmorhea. NORTON stated that REEVES mentioned he had broken out of jail, and as the Pontiac, which was his own car, was parked at the Police Parking Lot, he had broken into it and driven it to Balmorhea.

HENRY REEVES stated that his brother, LOCKWOOD REEVES, has five children by his deceased wife, and that several of these children are in an orphanage in San Antonio, Texas. HENRY stated that LOUIS REEVES, son of LOCKWOOD REEVES, is serving in the United States Army in Korea.

The writer drove the Pontiac from HENRY REEVES' farm to Balmorhea, Texas where it was stored with Deputy BERT MARTIN at his garage.

The Pontiac was examined, and the following items were noted or found in the automobile:

The speedometer reading was 26,573. Service station lubrication tag reflects it was last serviced at 24,697 miles. The car had only one license plate which was at the rear. The trunk did not contain a spare tire, and the trunk latch had been broken.

1. 5-gallon tin gasoline can, round with a dome top with 2" red rings at top and bottom.
2. 6' piece of black rubber hose.
3. A "Big Boy" scissors jack.
4. A screw-type jack.
5. A 5' folding jack handle.
6. Putty knife
7. Three pairs of pliers

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8. A vulcanizer gripper.
9. A 1" steel cog wheel.
10. 14" Ballpeen hammer "Flint Edge"
11. (3) 6", 8" and 10" Phillips' Screw drivers with yellow plastic handles.
12. 12" lug wrench
13. (1) 5" open end Westcraft Wrench
14. (3) 10", 12" and 13" tire irons
15. A 10" wrench with a socket
16. 12" open end wrench with pointed end
17. A 2-gallon oil can "Wear Well" Motor Oil, red and black, with a soldered repair spot
18. A 4' piece of dirty black heavy cord
19. A wire coat hanger
20. A 15" tire tube
21. A 5" open end wrench which is twisted
22. A 15" Stanley screwdriver #70, with a maroon, grooved handle
23. A blue plastic windshield scraper with the name, "Firestone Stores, Vicksburg, Mississippi".
24. Two dirty white handkerchiefs with the name, "PERRY" printed on edge.
25. A gray cloth sack, 3 x 10", with a drawstring top.
26. Two red glass reflector bolts for license plates.

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27. A 1945 Mint dime with initials scraped, which appeared to be "RC and WM" or "WA". This dime was found on the floor in the back seat.
28. Pieces of the Houston Chronicle Newspaper dated 2/20/53, which were stuffed around the windows and windshield.
29. It was noted that the composition back of the rear seat, as viewed from the trunk, had been torn out with the exception of a piece at each end which was still fastened to the automobile frame.

AT PECOS, TEXAS.

O. E. BARKER, Chief Operator, Texas Department of Public Safety Radio Station, advised that he had no Stolen Report on record on a 1953 Arkansas License 107-473 or a late model Pontiac, Motor No. P6RS16717.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

LOCKWOOD REEVES stated he had been in jail at Vicksburg under \$1,000.00 bond for car theft. Between 9:00 P. M. and 12:00 Midnight, 2/19/53, he noted that the jail bars on the second floor had been broken, and he crawled out of the window. REEVES stated he left jail alone and walked away from the jail. He then bought some whiskey, became drunk, and when he woke up he was in the back seat of an automobile somewhere near El Dorado, Arkansas. REEVES stated he could not recall who the men were in the car with him. REEVES advised that he believes he travelled through Marshall, Texas, and was in Houston on Friday night and sometime later was in San Antonio. REEVES stated he had last seen subjects WEST and HAMMOND in the Vicksburg Jail prior to breaking out. REEVES stated that the Pontiac in which he arrived at Balmorhea is the same car which he was in in Arkansas. REEVES stated that he believes that subject PERRY was picked up along the road near Alice, Texas. REEVES stated he had arrived in Balmorhea at approximately 9:00 A. M. on

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February 24. REEVES stated he did not know anything about the whereabouts of the other escaped prisoners, where the Pontiac came from, where the Arkansas license plate came from or how the ignition was wired and the window and trunk broken.

JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER advised he had been in jail in Vicksburg awaiting trial for car theft after being picked up with WEST and HAMMOND in Mississippi. ROPER stated he did not know which of the prisoners in the jail had cut the bars, and is ignorant of any of the details of the escape or plans for escape. ROPER stated that during the night of 2/19/53 he noted that the jail bars were open and went out by the window. After walking about two miles from the jail subject REEVES came along driving the Pontiac, and picked him up. ROPER stated that PERRY had been in jail with him in Vicksburg, but he did not know what PERRY was charged with.

BEN PERRY informed that he had been in jail in Vicksburg, Mississippi after being indicted for forged checks. PERRY stated he had been arrested in Lebanon, Kentucky and extradited to Mississippi to face charges there. PERRY stated he has written various checks in different parts of the United States, and while in jail in Vicksburg, had been interviewed by an FBI Agent concerning checks he had passed in Pennsylvania or Maryland. PERRY stated he did not know if he had been charged with a Federal Charge of forging checks. PERRY advised that he had been in jail in Vicksburg, and Friday morning, 2/20/53, before daylight, he noticed that he was the only one in the jail tank and discovered that the windows had been broken. He then left the jail through the window. PERRY stated he thought there had been eight or nine prisoners in the jail prior to the jailbreak. PERRY stated he did not know where subjects WEST or HAMMOND were or where they had planned to go. PERRY denied having any knowledge of escape plans or who could have been responsible for the jailbreak. PERRY advised that after he got out of jail, he hitchhiked out of Vicksburg across Louisiana and into Texas. While in Alice, Texas he was picked up by REEVES and ROPER, Monday Morning, February 23. PERRY stated REEVES

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and ROPER were driving the green Pontiac which subjects had when arrested at Balmorhea. PERRY stated that he was not familiar with the country around Balmorhea and did not know his exact location at the time of his arrest. PERRY advised he did not know where REEVES or ROPER obtained the Pontiac, the origin of the Arkansas tags, where the spare tire might have been sold or how gasoline was obtained. PERRY stated he did assist in driving the Pontiac to Balmorhea. PERRY denied aiding or assisting any Federal prisoners to escape from the Vicksburg Jail.

By teletype dated 2/24/53 the San Antonio Office advised that the Sheriff's Office, Cotulla, Texas, had advised subject REEVES had contacted WILLIAM TENERY, Encinal, Texas, at 9:00 P. M., February 23, last. REEVES was driving a green Pontiac, License No. 107-473, and was accompanied by two males, possibly other subjects. REEVES had stated he was going to Eagle Pass, Texas, and then to Balmorhea near Fort Stockton, Texas.

It is noted that prior to receipt of the above teletype subjects had already been taken into custody.

By teletype dated 2/24/53 the Little Rock Division reported that the Arkansas State Revenue Department had advised that HARVEY W. ADAMS, Star Route 2, Lake Village, Arkansas, the owner of a 1941 2-door Chevrolet, had reported his 1953 Arkansas License 107-473 as lost on February 20, 1953.

By teletype dated 2/25/53 New Orleans informed that the 1949 Pontiac, recovered in possession of subjects at Balmorhea, was reported stolen at 5:00 A. M., February 20, 1953, Vicksburg, Mississippi, by owner, ROBERT MC GEE, Ford Hill Road. At the time of the theft the Pontiac carried 1953 Mississippi License 860-919. New Orleans further advised that the U. S. Attorney at Jackson, Mississippi had stated he will not authorize prosecution of REEVES, ROPER and PERRY for the Interstate Transportation of the Stolen Pontiac, inasmuch as Federal process outstanding with regard to REEVES and ROPER, and that Mississippi State authorities were very anxious to return PERRY to Vicksburg for local prosecution. New Orleans further

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advised that the Sheriff at Vicksburg, Mississippi was communicating directly with the Sheriff at Pecos to arrange for the return of the subject, PERRY.

On February 25, 1953 subjects REEVES and ROPER were arraigned before the U. S. Commissioner, JOHN R. DEAN, Pecos, Texas. Commissioner DEAN set bond at \$10,000.00 for each subject, and in default of this bond, the subjects remained in the Reeves County Jail. Commissioner DEAN subsequently advised the writer that REEVES and ROPER had signed Waivers of Removal, and would be returned to Vicksburg, Mississippi upon receipt of certified papers from Mississippi.

Sheriff CHARLES FITZGERALD, advised that Sheriff LUCKETT of Vicksburg, Mississippi had contacted him by telephone stating he desired to come to Pecos and return BEN PERRY to Vicksburg to be handled there on state charges. Sheriff FITZGERALD exhibited to the writer a Waiver of Extradition which BEN PERRY executed before him on February 25, 1953.

Deputy U. S. Marshal LOUIS ROBERSON advised on 3/2/53 that he had received certified copies of complaints and warrants for REEVES and ROPER, and that both men would be transported to Vicksburg when arrangements could be made by the U. S. Marshal for this district.

By airtel dated 2/25/53 Bureau furnished criminal record on BEN PERRY under FBI No. 2821737, which is as follows:

Arrested by Sheriff, Shreveport, Louisiana, September, 1941, hold for Mansfield, Louisiana. No disposition.

Arrested by Sheriff, Houston, Texas, October, 1946, for worthless check. No disposition.

Arrested by Sheriff, LaGrange, Texas, September, 1947, for swindling - felony - no disposition.

Arrested by Houston, Texas PD, October, 1947, for Fugitive - Lake Charles, Louisiana. No disposition.

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Arrested by Elgin, Illinois PD, December, 1948, for disorderly conduct and Con-game. Disp - disorderly conduct dismissed, bound over Grand Jury, bond - \$3500.00 on con game.

Arrested PD, Shawnee, Oklahoma, for forgery, October, 1950. No disposition.

Arrested Sheriff, Columbia, South Carolina, December, 1951 for Breach of trust. No disposition.

Arrested by Sheriff, Vicksburg, Mississippi, January, 1953, for forgery. No disposition.

On 2/25/53 Houston advised that subject FIELD DALE HAMMOND had been apprehended at Houston, Texas the same date and was uncooperative as to whereabouts of subject WEST.

Sergeant HUGH SHAW, Texas Highway Patrol, contacted the writer and stated that the possibility existed that subjects REEVES, ROPER and PERRY may have been involved in a kidnapping at Sonora, Texas. SHAW stated that at 8:00 A. M., 2/23/53, two men came into a gas station in Sonora, Texas, stating they were out of gasoline on the highway. MAUL AREVALO - age 17 years, put some gasoline into a can and took the men and the gas in the pick-up truck, apparently en route to the automobile outside of Sonora. AREVALO did not return to Sonora, and shortly thereafter the pick-up truck was discovered abandoned along the highway west of Sonora. Investigation later revealed AREVALO's empty wallet and birth certificate lying along the road. It was assumed that AREVALO had been kidnapped by the two men. Available witnesses at Sonora believe that the two men were driving a blue Chevrolet coupe. On Sunday, 3/1/53 AREVALO's body was discovered in some bushes outside of Sonora. SHAW stated he believed AREVALO had been shot and his head had been crushed. Sergeant SHAW examined the 1949 Pontiac at Balmorhea in regard to the gasoline cans found in the Pontiac. He thereupon contacted the Sheriff's Office at Sonora, and advised him of the subjects incarcerated in Pecos.

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On 2/28/53 a Sonora Deputy Sheriff came to Pecos with AREVALO's father, who can reportedly identify his son's abductors and any tools or equipment which might have disappeared from the pick-up truck. The writer was absent from Pecos and was not contacted by the Deputy Sheriff or Mr. AREVALO, however, Sergeant SHAW subsequently advised the writer that AREVALO had been unable to identify subjects REEVES, ROPER or PERRY or any of the equipment found in the Pontiac.

However, Sergeant SHAW, Texas Ranger EARL STEWART and Reeves County Sheriff CHARLES FITZGERALD. advised that the possibility exists that some of the other prisoners who escaped from the Vicksburg Jail may have been involved in the kidnapping and killing of RAUL AREVALO.

AT PECOS, TEXAS

Mr. MELVIN COOKSEY, Cooksey Brothers Garage, estimated value of the 1949 Pontiac at \$1100.00.

The subjects, arrested at Balmorhea, Texas, are described as follows:

Name:	LOCKWOOD REEVES
Age:	49
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Nationality:	American
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	140 lbs.
Hair:	Blond
Eyes:	Blue
Remarks:	Large nose - large, outstanding ears,
Scars & Marks:	Pit scar on left cheek; 1" scar on chin - right side; upper front teeth and several lower front teeth missing.
Build:	Small
Relatives:	Children - three or four reside in orphanage, San Antonio, Texas. Son - LOUIS REEVES, U. S. Air Force, Korea, Age - 22.

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Relatives (Cont'd):

Brothers - HENRY and CLYDE REEVES, Balmorhea, Texas; JIMMY REEVES, Beaumont, Texas; LEM REEVES, Freer, Texas  
Sisters- Mrs. CASSIE CUMMINGS, Austin, Texas; Mrs. LIZZIE ANDERSON, Edna, Texas; Mrs. NELLIE BARNES - Arkansas.

Name: JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER  
Age: 35  
Born: [REDACTED] b6  
Fulton, Mississippi b7C  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Nationality: American  
Residence: Route 2, Tupelo, Mississippi  
Height: 5'9"  
Weight: 149  
Hair: Reddish blond  
Eyes: Blue  
Characteristics: Stoop shoulders; red neck  
Scars & Marks: Cut scar across nose; tattoo  
upper right arm, "SS" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and initials, "JFR"  
Relatives: Brother and sister, NEWMAN  
and VERA ROPER, Route 2,  
Tupelo, Mississippi.

Name: BEN PERRY, Was.  
Age: 39  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Nationality: American  
Born: 4/15/13  
Houston, Texas  
Residence: 2202 South Wayside,  
Houston, Texas  
Height: 5'10"  
Weight: 200

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Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Red and wavy
Scars & marks:	Mole scar, right side of nose; small mole on upper lip, right side.
Build:	Heavy
Marital status:	Single
Ex-wife:	HELEN COX PERRY
Address:	Unknown
Children:	2 sons - with Ex-Wife
Military service:	None
	Registered with Selective Service in 1940 in Illinois
Fingerprint Classification:	20 L 27 W 10M 11 M 12 / 111.
FBI No.:	2821737.

SUBJECTS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

By airtel dated 3/5/53 New Orleans was requested to contact the Sheriff's Office at Vicksburg, Mississippi and obtain complete names, descriptions and photographs of all prisoners who escaped from the Vicksburg Jail on 2/20/53. Also, that any information concerning stolen automobiles, which prisoners might have used, be obtained. This information was to be reported to the San Antonio Division as a matter of police cooperation for the Sheriff's Office, Sonora, Texas. New Orleans was advised that police officers at Pecos, Texas were of the opinion that some of the Vicksburg prisoners might be involved in the kidnapping and killing of RAUL AREVALOS at Sonora, Texas on February 23, 1953.

Copies of this report are being furnished the San Antonio Division to furnish background information concerning the kidnapping of AREVALOS.

LEADS

THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At Vicksburg, Mississippi

Will follow and report prosecutive action on subjects LOCKWOOD REEVES and JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER.

Will advise ROBERT MC GEE that his car is in running condition and is presently located at the Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas.

REFERENCE

New Orleans airtel to the Director 2/20/53. El Paso teletype to the Bureau and New Orleans dated 2/24/53. Little Rock teletype to El Paso dated 2/24/53. New Orleans teletype to El Paso dated 2/25/53. Bureau airtel to El Paso dated 2/25/53. New Orleans airtel to El Paso dated 2/26/53. El Paso airtel to New Orleans dated 3/5/53.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-16-53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-20,21; 3-2, 3,4,5-53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES H. STOKTON</b>
TITLE <b>LOCKWOOD REEVES, was., Louis Reeves, L. W. Reeves, Red Reeves - FUGITIVE; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, was., Richard Theodore Wojciechowski, Dick Wojciechowski, Stephen Baker, Robert</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPE AND RESCUE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**  
**FUGITIVE; FRED DALE HARRISON - FUGITIVE; ;**  
**JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER - FUGITIVE;**

*cc Bureau  
3/31/53  
JH-wmp*

The four subjects, Federal prisoners and accompanied by BEN PERRY, who was being held in jail on forgery charge, escaped Warren County Jail, Vicksburg, Miss., around 12:30 a.m., 2-20-53, after using an acetylene torch and hacksaw blade to saw bars of jail window. Subjects stole a 1949 Pontiac Sedan, MN P6RS-16717, property of ROBERT McGEE, Vicksburg, Miss. Jailers and inmates of Warren County Jail interviewed. Authorized complaint filed against the four subjects before USC, Vicksburg, Miss., on 2-20-53, charging them with violation of Section 751, Title 18, USC. USA, Jackson, Miss., recommended \$4,000. bond on each subject to be returned Vicksburg, Miss., instant. Fugitive Form letter submitted. Subject REEVES, ROPER and BEN PERRY apprehended 2-24-53 by Bureau Agent and SO at Pecos, Texas, in possession of instant Pontiac. BEN PERRY being held for SO, Vicksburg, Miss., and subjects REEVES and ROPER given hearing before USC Pecos, Texas, 2-25-53, and remanded to custody USM, in default of \$10,000. bond, and are awaiting removal to Vicksburg, Miss. Subject HARRISON apprehended Houston, Texas, 2-25-53, by Bureau Agents. When arrested all three subjects refused to furnish information as to whereabouts of subject WEST. Subject WEST apprehended at SO, Meridian, Texas, 2-24-53, on burglary charge and he escaped jail at Meridian, Texas, 2-26-53 and stole 1949 Chevrolet Sedan, MN GAA-124476. WEST apprehended near Charlotte, N. C., 3-1-53 in possession 1950 Chevrolet Coach, IN HAA-253090, believed stolen Savannah, Ga. AUSA [redacted] Jackson, Miss.,

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SYNOPSIS, CONT'D.:

forwarding certified papers on subject WEST to USA, Charlotte, N. C. Bureau and auxiliary office advised all subjects apprehended. Identification records and descriptions set out.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case is predicated upon a telephone call from Chief of Police OTTO T. STANKE, Vicksburg, Mississippi, at 8:00 a.m., February 20, 1953, advising that subjects WEST, HAMMOND, ROPER and REEVES, together with BEN PERRY, had escaped from the Warren County Jail some time after midnight on February 20, 1953.

LOCKWOOD REEVES, with aliases, was in custody of the U. S. Marshal, Jackson, Mississippi, and was confined in the Warren County Jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on interstate transportation of stolen automobile charge.

ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, with aliases; FRED DALE HAMMOND and JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER were in custody of the U. S. Marshal, Jackson, Mississippi, and was confined in the Warren County Jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi awaiting trial on a Federal charge of interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle.

AT VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Sheriff OWEN RING advised that five prisoners escaped

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jail during the night of February 19, 1953, namely, ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, FRED DALE HAMMOND, JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER, LOCKWOOD REEVES and BEN PERRY, a white man who was being held in jail on state charges of forgery.

JOSEPH BARNES, Day Jailer, advised that he went off duty at 5:00 p.m., February 19, 1953, and returned to work at 7:00 a.m., February 20, 1953 and was told by his brother EDWARD BARNES about the escape. JOSEPH BARNES could furnish no information concerning the escape, except to point out the bars in the cellblock that had been cut out with an acetylene torch and two bars had been sawed out of the outside window of the jail. The hole in the cellblock measured  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " by  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ", which is a very small hole through which BEN PERRY, a heavy-set person weighing approximately 200 pounds forced himself.

EDWARD BARNES, Night Jailer, advised that inmates of the jail were singing religious songs in the jail the night before until about 9:15 p.m., when he cut out all the lights. BARNES advised that he went to bed about 10:00 p.m., and knew nothing about the escape until one of his white trustees LEONARD L. SPEAKS, white male, reported to him at 6:00 a.m., that five of the prisoners had escaped during the night.

It is noted that EDWARD BARNES is approximately seventy years of age and slightly hard of hearing. He is a sickly person and no doubt is unable to take care of the jail during the night. He merely sleeps there and pays no attention to the prisoners, according to Deputy Sheriff VERNON LUCKETT. This is the second escape that has been made while EDWARD BARNES was on duty, the last one was about three years ago and was effected during the noon hour.

CARL RING, Sheriff of Warren County, subsequently advised that two men had been doing some electric welding in the jail starting on Wednesday, February 18, 1953. He said that one of the workmen had reported to him that he left his acetylene torch lying in the hallway of the jail cells for approximately five minutes on Wednesday and went downstairs for some pipe and when he returned subject WEST had the torch and hose inside the cellblock. When the workmen returned, WEST jokingly handed the torch back to the workman and said "he was just looking at it".

Sheriff RING advised that he has filed escape charges against BEN PERRY and has also filed charges against LEONARD L. SPEAKS.

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For aiding and abetting in the escape. RING specifically requested that when FEN PERRY was apprehended, wherever he was apprehended that he wanted to return him to Vicksburg and prosecute him.

DON CARLISLE, Route 2, Box 378-B, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised that he and WILLIAM LEE ALLEN came to the Warren County Jail on Wednesday morning, February 18, 1953, to do some welding and electrical work. He stated that he had his acetylene torch inside the jail doing some welding on top of the cellblock where the white prisoners are kept. He laid his torch down in the hallway several feet away from the cellblock and went downstairs for a wrench and some pipe and was gone about five minutes or less, and when he returned, he found subject WEST had his torch inside the cellblock and was looking at it. When CARLISLE returned WEST jokingly returned it to him saying "I wonder how it works". CARLISLE stated that he and ALLEN had been particularly careful not to leave the torch within reach of any of the prisoners in the jail. CARLISLE advised that he is certain that subject WEST did not have time to cut the cellblock bars with his torch at that time.

CARLISLE advised that on Thursday, February 19, 1953, that he and WILLIAM LEE ALLEN stopped work for lunch at about 11:40 a.m., leaving his torch outside the jail cell and out of the reach of the prisoners. When they returned approximately thirty minutes later, there was nothing observed to indicate that his torch had been used.

When CARLISLE was informed that the bars on the cellblock had been cut with an acetylene torch, he could furnish no information as to how or when his torch might have been used unless it was used during his lunch period on February 19, 1953.

WILLIAM LEE ALLEN, Route 2, Box 100-D, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised that he was working on top of the cellblock in the jail and that he did not see what occurred on Wednesday with reference to the torch being in possession of subject WEST. He said that he did not use the torch on Thursday.

JOSEPH COLLINS, colored male, age 24 years, who resides at 1613 Levy Street, in Vicksburg, and who was in jail on a charge of forgery, was interviewed concerning this jail break and he furnished the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the New Orleans Office:

"Vicksburg, Miss.  
Feb. 20, 1953

"I, Joseph Collins, wish to make the following statement to James M. Stockton, Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning the jail break at the Warren County Jail on the night of February 19, 1953.

"I am in jail on a charge of check forgery.

"Last night just before 11:00 p.m. I saw Allen West, a man named Hammond and another by the name of Reeves and two other jail prisoners come over to the jail window near my cell and West used a hacksaw blade and sawed a bar loose in the window. West, Hammond and Reeves let themselves down the wall by the use of some blankets being tied together.

"The big redheaded man and another one by the name of Roper could not get through the hole so the other men or someone came back about 30 minutes later and gave a hacksaw blade to the big red headed man. He and Roper sawed the other bar to let them through the window. These two men got down using the blankets tied together. That must have been about midnight or shortly afterwards.

"About 12:15 p.m., February 19, 1953, I saw Reeves take a blow torch into the back of the white cell and within just a few minutes I saw him bring the torch back and throw it in the isle outside the cellblock. I did not see anyone give the torch to Reeves.

While Reeves was back in the cell with the torch Leonard L. Speakes, a white trusty who was outside the cell, was walking up and down the hall and some of the time he sat down on his cot in the hall of the second floor.

Joseph Collins

Witness:

James M. Stockton, FBI  
New Orleans, La."

The above statement was made partially in the presence of Sheriff OWEN RING and partially in the presence of JOE BARNES, the day jailer. BARNES stated that he would recall the statement but he did not desire to sign the statement as a witness because he feels that the Sheriff blames him for the escape.

HENRY FRANKLIN, JR., colored male, age 20 years, who resides at 808 Main Street, and who was in the Warren County Jail on a petty larceny charge, was interviewed concerning the jailbreak and the following signed statement was obtained, the original of which is being retained in the New Orleans file:

"Vicksburg, Miss.  
Feb. 20, 1953

"I, Henry Franklin, Jr., wish to make the following statement to Mr. James M. Stockton who has identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am in jail on a charge of burglary.

"Last night February 19, 1953 some where around 9:00 p.m. we were all singing in the jail. I saw the smallest of five men come past my cell and go to the jail window. He stopp'd and talked to Joe Collins. Two other slender men came on over and started sawing the bar on the window. The small man went out first then the other two followed. The last two were too big to get through the hole in the bars so the first three men went away and came back shortly and handed up a hacksaw blade to the biggest man. Both the last two men sawed another bar loose and went down the blanket rope.

"I think I heard a car crank up and drive off just after all five of the men had gone.

"I saw Mr. Speaks come over and talk to the big man after the lights went out. That is all I saw.

Henry Franklin, Jr.

Witness:

James M. Stockton, FBI  
New Orleans, La."



The above statement was also made within the hearing of JOSEPH BARNES, Day Jailer, but he did not desire to witness it.

DAVID SMITH, colored male, age 19 years, who was in the Warren County Jail on state charges of forgery and who resides at 1006 Lynn Street, advised that he heard some one sawing the bars from an outside window near the colored cellblock and he went back to see what was going on and when he saw several prisoners including subject WEST at the window he became frightened and went back to his cell and went to bed. He denied any further knowledge of the escape. He did admit that he and most of the colored and maybe some white prisoners were singing religious songs that night before the lights were turned out.

SMITH denied having seen subject REEVES take the acetylene torch into the white cellblock during the noon hour that day and later return to the front door and throw the torch outside the cellblock.

With regard to the singing in the jail, both HARRY FRANKLIN, JR. and JOSEPH COLLINS admitted that they were singing religious songs before the lights went out but they denied the singing was to aid the prisoners to escape.

ARTHUR JUDGE, colored male, age 18 years, who resides at 1413 Lane Street, Vicksburg, advised that he was in jail during the noon hour February 19, 1953 and he saw the big red headed prisoner whom he believed to be BEN PERRY, using the torch to cut the cellblock bars near the toilet. This was about 12:15 p.m., during the time the workmen in the jail were out to lunch.

ARTHUR JUDGE also advised that at approximately 9:30 p.m., on the night of the escape, he saw this same big red headed man crawl through the hole in the cellblock and then two smaller men followed him. He saw three or four men go over to the east side of the jail near the colored cellblock but could not see what was going on. He said he was certain that is when they were sawing the bars over the jail window to let themselves out.

colored male, age 14 years, who resides at 1221 Levy, was in jail at the time, but he denied seeing any part of the escape procedure.

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[redacted] colored male, age 13 years, who resided at 1511 Marcus Street, was in jail at the time of the escape. He stated that he saw one of the prisoners using a torch about noon time to cut two bars from the white cellblock. He could not identify the man who was cutting the bars. He stated that LEONARD L. SPEARS, the trusty on that floor, came over to the hole in the cellblock and swept the floor removing the small burned particles of metal from the floor shortly after the bars had been burned. b6 b7C

[redacted] said that the white man did not burn these two bars completely out but left them hanging by a very small portion of the iron bar in order that it could be easily broken out later on that night. [redacted] said that he does not know if SPEARS saw the bars had been burned. The regular workmen had also been doing some welding around this same cellblock and SPEARS had also swept the floor where they had been working. b6 b7C

GLENN SENIOR, white male, age 37 years, who resides in Tallulah, Louisiana, and who was in jail on an embezzlement charge, advised that he was asleep during the late morning and early on the evening of the escape and that he did not see any of the planning or the actual escape. He said that BENN PERRY had asked him "do you want to go out", meaning break out of jail, during the early evening and he told PERRY that he was not interested. He said that none of the subjects who were in the same cellblock with him, were very friendly with him because he had very little to do with or say to them. He said that he overheard subject WEST and PERRY planning the escape but he did not pay any attention to them because he did not know that they had cut the bars in their cellblock. He denied seeing anyone cut the bars with an acetylene torch around noon on Thursday, February 19, 1953. SENIOR was very uncooperative and would not furnish any information concerning the escape.

BENJAMIN OVERSTREET, white male, age 37 years, who resides at Redwood, Mississippi, and who was in the same cellblock with the subjects, advised that he went to sleep about 10:00 a.m. on February 19, 1953 and awoke about 12:00 noon and that he did not see or hear anything concerning the escape. He said that he went to sleep again about 9:00 p.m., that night and did not see anything and did not know about the escape until the next morning.

LEONARD L. SPEARS, white male, age 41 years, who resides in Vicksburg, Mississippi, who was the only trusty outside the cellblocks on the second floor of the jail, advised that he was around the

various cellblocks all during the day and early part of the night prior to the escape but he did not see any thing that would indicate to him that a jail break was either planned or in progress. He admitted that he swept the entire second floor which was part of his duties after the workmen had finished work for the day. He denied talking to either of the subjects at the window on the east side of the jail just before they made their escape. He also denied having given the torch to any one in the cellblock either on Wednesday or Thursday before the break. SPEAKS refused to furnish a signed statement concerning his activities during the break, he claimed, because Sheriff KING had filed charges against him charging him with aiding in the escape. He stated that he went to sleep about 9:00 p.m., on the night of February 19, 1953, and did not know about the escape until he awoke the following morning about six o'clock and discovered the five white prisoners missing and upon searching the area, he discovered the holes through which they apparently had made their escape.

The El Paso Division advised by teletype on February 21, 1953, that subjects REEVES and ROPER were apprehended that date at 11:00 a.m. by Special Agent WILDELL L. GARDNER and Deputy Sheriff BERT MARTIN, at the home of HENRY REEVES, Balcones, Texas. Also apprehended with these two subjects was SAM FLURY. Subjects had in their possession a 1949 Pontiac, Motor Number P6RS-16717. The ignition wire and the left front window vent was broken. It bore current Arkansas license number 107-473. Subjects were lodged in the County Jail at Pecos, Texas.

El Paso was advised that this Pontiac was stolen in Vicksburg, Mississippi on the night subjects escaped jail there and it was the property of ROBERT McGEE, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, furnished certified papers on the basis of a complaint filed before U. S. Commissioner at Vicksburg, Mississippi, charging subjects with violation of Section 751, Title 18, U. S. Code, for escaping jail while awaiting trial on a Federal felony charge to the U. S. Attorney, Pecos, Texas.

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ROBERT McGEE, Fort Mill, Vicksburg, Mississippi, was advised of the location and condition of his automobile by the Sheriff at Vicksburg. He has already sent a representative to recover his automobile. He could furnish no information as to who stole the car, but it was stolen during the night of February 19, 1953.

Sheriff OWEN RING, Vicksburg, Mississippi, has gone to Pecos, Texas to return BEN PERRY to Vicksburg where he will be charged with jail breaking and grand larceny of the McGEE Pontiac.

The Houston Office advised by teletype on February 25, 1953 that subject FRED DALE HAMMOND was apprehended by Bureau Agents at Houston on that date and that he was uncooperative and would not furnish any information as to the whereabouts of subject WEST.

Certified papers on subject HAMMOND were forwarded to the U. S. Attorney at Houston by the U. S. Attorney at Jackson, Mississippi with a request that HAMMOND be removed to Vicksburg, Mississippi immediately.

The San Antonio Office advised by airtel dated February 28, 1953 that subject WEST was apprehended at Meridian, Texas in connection with a burglary charge on February 24, 1953 and he escaped jail there on February 26, 1953 and stole a 1949 black Chevrolet Coach, bearing 1952 Texas license DX 543, and motor number GAA 124476. WEST was using the name PAUL LETION when arrested on this occasion. It was also stated that subject HAMMOND was known to have been with WEST and NORMA and LOUIS STEWART in the burglary, however, HAMMOND evaded arrest there and was later apprehended in Houston in possession of a 1948 Pontiac bearing Texas license DX 1996, which had been stolen in Meridian, Texas on February 24, 1953.

Houston advised by teletype dated February 26, 1953 that information received from the Auto Theft Bureau, Houston Police Department, that a 1952 blue-gray Oldsmobile Sedan was stolen in Houston on the evening of February 20, 1953, and recovered by the Sheriff's Office at Meridian, Texas, where it was involved in a local burglary case. Information furnished by the Sheriff's Office at Meridian, Texas indicated that subject FRED DALE HAMMOND participated in the local burglary at Meridian, Texas with subject WEST, and NORMA and LOUIS STEWART, sister and brother-in-law of subject HAMMOND.

The Little Rock Office advised by teletype dated February 24, 1953 advised that 1953 Arkansas license 107-473 was issued to HARVEY W. ADAMS, Star Route 2, Lake Village, Arkansas, for a 1941 Chevrolet Coach and it was reported last on February 19 or 20, 1953.

The facts concerning the escape at Vicksburg, Mississippi were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted], Jackson, Mississippi, on February 20, 1953 and he authorized the filing of a complaint against the four subjects and recommended bond in the amount of \$4,000.00 to be made returnable at Vicksburg, Mississippi, instant.

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On February 20, 1953, a complaint was filed before Mrs. RUBY L. SHORT, U. S. Commissioner at Vicksburg, Mississippi by SA JAMES M. STOCKTON, charging all four subjects with violating Section 751, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that they escaped jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi while awaiting trial on federal felony charges of interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle. Warrants were issued for each subject and forwarded to the U. S. Marshal at Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. RUBY L. SHORT, U. S. Commissioner, advised that she received a copy of the proceedings before U. S. Commissioner JOHN R. DEAN, Pecos, Texas, which set out that subjects REEVES and ROPER waived examination on February 25, 1953 and their bond was fixed at \$10,000.00 each and made returnable to Vicksburg, Mississippi. There was no indication that either subject had or could make bond.

Mrs. SHORT also stated that Treasury Agents of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Jackson, Mississippi, filed a complaint against subjects WEST, HAMMOND and ROPER on February 11, 1953, charging them with possession of the two sawed off shotguns in violation of Section 3261-B, Title 26, U. S. Code. She gave these subjects another hearing on February 11, 1953 and upon their waiving examination, a bond of \$1,000.00 each was fixed for them. They were still in custody on an ITSMV complaint and no further action was taken.

The facts concerning the escape were furnished by airtel on February 20, 1953 to the Bureau and Chicago, Detroit, El Paso, Houston, Memphis and San Antonio and leads were set out for those offices in an effort to apprehend the subjects.

When information concerning the apprehension of subjects REEVES and ROPER at Pecos, Texas, where they were in possession of the 1949 Pontiac stolen in Vicksburg at time of their escape, was received, it was furnished to Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted], Jackson, Mississippi. He declined prosecution of BEN PERAY on ITSMV charge and also advised that he did not consider it necessary

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to file an additional complaint against REEVES and ROPLER in connection with the theft and interstate transportation of this automobile since there are three complaints outstanding against them at this time. [redacted] advised that since the Sheriff at Vicksburg was very much interested in returning BEN PERRY to Vicksburg on charges of forgery, jailbreaking and grand larceny of ROBERT McGEE's Pontiac, that he, [redacted] feels that no federal prosecution should be undertaken at this time on PERRY.

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The Detroit Office advised by letter dated February 27, 1953 that RICHARD THEODORE WOJCIECHOWSKI, wa. RICHARD W. SKAL, resident of 3817 East Street, Saginaw, Michigan, located and interviewed by Bureau Agents. WOJCIECHOWSKI was not identical with subject ALLEN CLAYTON WEST. WOJCIECHOWSKI has been continuously employed at Detroit, Michigan, since November 24, 1952, by Installation Division, Western Electric Company, 400 Cass Avenue. Contact with Mr. L. A. KEYES, WOJCIECHOWSKI'S supervisor, reflects subject worked every day past week ending February 21, 1953.

WOJCIECHOWSKI advised subjects unknown to him. However, he stated that he lost his billfold on or about January 13, 1953, apparently during period of time he was drinking at bars located in the downtown area of Detroit. He claims he did not discover the loss until the following morning and was unable to supply any information regarding the place where he lost the billfold. He suggested it may have been surreptitiously taken from his person by another person. WOJCIECHOWSKI advised that instant billfold was made by "Swank", constructed of real leather, and was an oxblood color. It contained about \$50.00 in cash, his Western Electric Employee Identification Card, a Michigan Driver's license, a small sized Navy Discharge Certificate (Navy Serial Number 9938848), and a Selective Service Registration Card, issued by Local Board 77, Saginaw, Michigan.

WOJCIECHOWSKI is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	[redacted]
Height	5'8"
Weight	135 lbs.
Build	Slim
Eyes	Brown

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Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair-medium
Education	Ninth grade
Occupation	Installer, Western Electric Company
Permanent residence	3817 East Street, Saginaw, Mich.
Temporary residence	8041 Second Ave., Detroit, Michigan
Marital Status	Single
Relatives	Father, IKE WOJCIECHOWSKI, 3817 East St., Saginaw, Mich.; mother, HELEN WOJCIECHOWSKI; brother, JOHN WOJCIECHOWSKI; sister, RITA WOJCIECHOWSKI, all of same address; brother, BEN WOJCIECHOWSKI, 3803 East St., Saginaw, Mich.
FBI Number	[REDACTED]
Criminal record	Has been arrested at Saginaw, Mich. for being intoxicated; driving with license revoked; making a false stolen report; and fraudulently disposing of mortgaged property.
FPC (per Bureau Ident.)	21 L 17 W 100 M 7 W 100 18

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The photograph of WOJCIECHOWSKI furnished by Detroit is not identical with subject WEST who used this name as an alias.

The Charlotte Office advised that subject WEST was apprehended March 1, 1953 near Shallotte, North Carolina, in possession of a 1950 green Chevrolet Coach, Motor Number HAM-253090, bearing 1953 Mississippi license 432-336, and stated that WEST is in custody of the U. S. Marshal at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Records of the Motor Vehicle Controller's Office reflect that 1953 Mississippi license 432-336, was issued to LLOYD STUART, Stewart, Mississippi, for a 1940 Buick Sedan, Motor Number 53948770, and was reported stolen about February 26 or 27, 1953.

The Bureau and all auxiliary offices have been advised of the apprehension of all subjects.

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The Bureau furnished the following Identification Record on subject WEST as recorded under FBI #4229558:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD Savannah Ga	Allen West #14095	8-27-44	larceny of auto to	9-7-44 indet sent to State Farm for Boys
SO Savannah Ga	Allan Clayton West #45522	Marine Electrician advancing worker 1-14-45		
St Dept of Corr Atlanta Ga #M-29081/11468	Allen West #— St Prison Reidsville Ga	4-27-45	lar of auto	6 mos
PD Savannah Ga	Allen Clayton West #14-095	9-6-45	Gen Inv	10-1-45 2 to 5 yrs on chg of burg & larc cases
St Dept of Corr Atlanta Ga #A-17871	Allen West #—St Prison Reidsville Ga	10-12-45	burg	2-5 yrs 3 cl cond 6-24-48 cond rel on chg of burg simple larc (2 etc)
Army	Allan Clayton West #RA 14290819	9-17-48 Tampa Fla		
Fed Ref Petersburg Va	Allen C. West #18296-Lec	11-18-49 in trans from Ft Hancock	Sodomy AMO1 Break Arrest	1 yrs.



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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
USP Lewisburg Pa	Allen C. West #18276	1-5-50 in trans from Petersburg	sodomy AWOL & breaking arrest	4 yrs 1-17-51 sent reduced from 4 to 3 yrs per Dept of Army Blue Seal Letter now rel dates arrested rel 10-14-51 expires full term 6-16-52 7-1-51 trans to USP Atlanta Ga
USP Atlanta Ga.	Allen C. West #70385	7-3-50	Sodomy, AWOL & breaking arrest	3 yrs. 10-21-51 cond rel
PD St Petersburg Fla	Allen Clayton West #10708	10-30-5k vol crim reg		rel
PD St. Petersburg Fla.	Allen Clayton West #10708	3-11-52	Inv. B&E & GL	
SO Clearwater Fla.	Allen, Clayton West #5160	3-11-52	B&E 2 chgs	Bot Citr 11. 55000 bond
Fla St. Pr Raiford Fla	Allen C. West #49861	5-30-52	B & E w/i to commit a felony	4 yrs 2 commitments of 1 yrs each to run conc
USM Jackson Miss	Allen Clayton West #53 38	1-29-53	NAWTA	pend

As Allen West, #--, St. Pr. Reidsville, Ga. 10-1-45 burg. 8-26-48 cond. Rel.

WANTED: Allen C. West for escape St. Road Camp #42 Loxahatches Fla on 12-26-52 (B&E) Notify Conn Pr Div Tallahassee Fla per inf rec therefrom 1-7-53

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The Bureau furnished the following Identification Record on Subject HAMMOND as recorded under FBI [REDACTED]

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The following is the Identification Record of subject ROPLER as recorded under FBI [REDACTED]

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
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The following is the Identification Record of subject REEVES as recorded under FBI #88 363 A:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD Houston Texas	Louis Reeves #FO	10-12-48	inv	
SO Alice Texas	Louis R. Reeves #3033	10-14-48	car theft	awaiting
USM Laredo Texas	Lockwood Reeves #9894	11-12-52	Sec 2312 T-18 Dyer Act	pend
USM Jackson, Miss	Lockwood Reeves 53-15	not given F.P. 1-10-53	NMFTA	pending

WANTED BY BUREAU; Lockwood Reeves, was. Louis Reeves, L. W. Reeves, Lockwood Rub Reeves, L. W. R. Reeves, Red Reeves, (maybe ident) Fug. Index #32578, Bu. File #26-158360, O.O. New Orleans, La., per inf rec 4-22-52. NO LONGER WANTED: (Maybe Ident) Per Bu Memo dated 11-13-52. (Located 11-12-52 Bu Agts Laredo Texas)

The following is a description of subject REEVES as contained in the New Orleans files:

Name	LOCKWOOD REEVES, was.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	51 to 52 years
Height	5'7"
Weight	135-155 lbs.
Hair	Sandy red; light brown and sunburned, possibly turning gray
Eyes	Hazel
Occupation	Oil field worker, carpenter, painter and paper hanger

WEST: The following is a description of subject ALLEN CLAYTON

Name	ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, was., Richard Theodore Wojciechowski, Dick Wojciechowski, Stephan Baker, Robert Stone
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	23, born March 25, 1929 at Manhattan, N. Y.
Height	5'8"
Weight	150
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown
Education	6th grade
Residence	3817 East St., Saginaw, Mich.
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	None
Vicksburg, Miss. PD	#1622
Scars & Marks	Tattoo "True" on first joints of left hand; tattoo of boy with large hat on left forearm; tattoo "Allen" on left outer forearm; tattoo "Tootie" and "W" on outer left forearm; tattoo "Baby" on fingers of right hand; tattoo "Good Luck" on back of right

Relatives wrist; a pierced heart on inner right forearm, also three aces  
 Father, ROLAND D. WEST, deceased;  
 Mother, MARIE MARTIN WEST, deceased;  
 Brother, ROLAND WEST, Colonel in U. S. Army

The following is the description of subject HAMMOND which was obtained at the time of his apprehension at Vicksburg, Mississippi:

Name	FRED DALE HAMMOND
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 300px;"></div>
Height	5'8"
Weight	155
Complexion	Olive, clean shaven
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown
Build	Medium slender
Teeth	Good
Marital Status	Single
Education	10th grade
Occupation	Sheetmetal worker
Residence	Schlitz Hotel, 6 Clinton St., Chicago, Ill., and 8209 Lay Road, Houston, Texas
Scars & Marks	Tattoo "Question Mark" on middle finger right hand; tattoo "Swastika" base of right thumb (claims put there by error)
Vicksburg, Miss. PD	#1623
Relatives	Father, JOE HAMMOND, deceased; Mother, STELLA HAMMOND, 8209 Lay Road, Houston, Texas; brother, JOE HAMMOND, Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas; brother OLIVER HAMMOND, street address unknown, Houston, Texas

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The following is the description of subject ROPER which was obtained at the time of his apprehension at Vicksburg, Mississippi:

Name	JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[REDACTED]
Height	5'7"
Weight	149
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Light brown, reddish appearance
Build	Small
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Divorced from LONTYNE LEWIS, no children
Occupation	Automobile mechanic
Education	8th grade
Residence	274 South Front St., Memphis, Tenn., and 2259 Spring St., Tupelo, Miss.
Scars & Marks	Small cut scar right side of nose; 2" cut scar inner left forearm near wrist; small cut scar right side of forehead
Vicksburg PD	[REDACTED]
Social Security	[REDACTED]

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LEADS

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION

At Wilmington, North Carolina

Will report apprehension of subject WEST on March 1, 1953 and will advise New Orleans whether or not subject will be removed to Vicksburg, Mississippi from where he escaped on February 20, 1953.

THE EL PASO DIVISION

At Pecos, Texas

Will report recovery value of the 1949 Pontiac found in possession of subjects REEVES and ROPER when they were apprehended on February 24, 1953.

Will report removal of subjects REEVES and ROPER to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

THE HOUSTON DIVISION

At Houston, Texas

Will report removal of subject HAMMOND to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

THE MIAMI DIVISION

At West Palm Beach, Florida

Will advise state penal authorities of the fact subject WEST escaped jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi and has subsequently been apprehended in North Carolina in order that these authorities may place detainers against the subject with the U. S. Marshal at Wilmington, North Carolina. Subject WEST escaped from the State Penitentiary at Lehighville Prison, West Palm Beach, Florida, on December 26, 1952.

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THE SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

At Meridian, Texas

Will report details of subject WEST's apprehension and escape from jail there.

THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At Vicksburg, Mississippi

Will, when BEN PERRY is returned to Vicksburg by the Sheriff of Warren County, interview him regarding the escape from jail there to determine if any assistance was rendered by other inmates of the jail and particularly, if LEONARD L. SPEKS aided in the escape in any way.

Will follow and report prosecution of the subjects at Vicksburg.

REFERENCES: New Orleans airtel to Bureau, Chicago, Detroit, El Paso, Houston, Memphis and San Antonio dated 2-20-53.  
El Paso teletype to the Bureau, New Orleans and Houston dated 2-24-53  
Houston teletype to the Bureau and New Orleans dated 2-25-53  
Charlotte airtel to Bureau, Chicago, Houston, Miami, San Antonio, Savannah and New Orleans dated 3-3-53

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW ORLEANS**

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TITLE <b>LOCKWOOD REEVES, Was. ET AL- FUGITIVES</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPE AND RESCUE; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN ARMS FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT - FUGITIVE FLIGHT TO AVOID ARREST MENT (BURGLARY).</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject HAMMOND apprehended by Bureau Agents at Houston, Texas, on 2/25/53 and gave signed statement admitting escape from County Jail, Vicksburg, Miss., on 2/20/53. HAMMOND gave details of activities from time of escape until apprehension. HAMMOND appeared before USC, Houston, 3/27/53, waived removal hearing and was remanded to custody USM, Houston, in lieu of \$4,000.00 bond. USM's Office, Houston, advised HAMMOND removed to Jackson, Miss., on 3/5/53. USA, Houston, declined prosecution on ITSMV from Vicksburg, Miss., to Houston, Texas.

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STATISTICS TAKEN

**DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:**

Subject FRED DALE HAMMOND was apprehended by Special Agents , ASAC  and the Writer at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. I. LONG, 8315 Dunbar E. Houston, on February 25, 1953. Immediately upon apprehension Subject was interviewed regarding the whereabouts of Subject ALLEN WEST and at that time stated he had separated from WEST at Corpus Christi, Texas, February 22, 1953.

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Subject was re-interviewed on February 26, 1953, and gave the following signed statement:

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Houston City Jail  
Houston, Texas  
February 26, 1953

"I, FRED DALE HAMMOND, make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know I do not have to make a statement and that it may be used against me in a court of law. I have been advised of my right to a lawyer. No threats or promises have been made to me.

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"I am 23 years old, was born at [redacted] reside at 8209 Ley Road, Houston, Texas.

"On February 19, 1953, I was incarcerated in the Vicksburg County Jail, Vicksburg, Miss., with six other men in the same cell. During the noon hour of that day, some welders who had been doing some welding in the jail itself, left to eat their lunch leaving their equipment near the cell where we were. While the welders were at lunch, ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, who was one of the fellows in the cell, took a boxcar we had in the cell, reached out and pulled the welding torch and some of the equipment into the cell. WEST and REEVES, another fellow in the cell, took the torch and used it to burn off two of the inside bars on the window of the cell. Then replaced the torch and the equipment before the welders came back from lunch.

"About [redacted] day, WEST and REEVES took out the inside bars which [redacted] off and began sliding at the outside [redacted] with [redacted] [redacted] WEST had picked up in the room where we had been incarcerated when we had been placed in jail. About midnight they finished sawing the bars off the outside of the window. We then took a rope out of the blankets we had and WEST, REEVES, and I crawled out the window and to the ground. The three of us then walked about three miles North on Highway 61 leading out of Vicksburg where we saw a 1949 or 1950 Pontiac parked in a driveway. [redacted] was not locked on the outside, so WEST and REEVES [redacted] around the [redacted] the

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"Houston City Jail  
Houston, Texas  
February 26, 1953

"I, FRED DALE HAMMOND, make the following voluntary statement: [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I know I do not have to make a statement and that it may be used against me in a court of law. I have been advised of my right to a lawyer. No threats or promises have been made to me.

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"I am 23 years old, was born at [redacted]. I reside at 8209 Ley Road, Houston, Texas.

"On February 19, 1953, I was incarcerated in the Vicksburg County Jail, Vicksburg, Miss., with six other men in the same cell. During the noon hour of that day, some welders who had been doing some welding in the jail itself, left to eat their lunch leaving their equipment near the cell where we were. While the welders were at lunch, ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, who was one of the fellows in the cell, took a broom we had in the cell, reached out and pulled the welding torch and some of the equipment into the cell. [redacted] and REEVES, another fellow in the cell, took the torch and used it to burn off two of the inside bars on the window of the cell. [redacted] replaced the torch and the equipment before the welders came back from lunch.

"About ten P.M. that same day, WEST and REEVES took out the [redacted] bars which had been burned off and began sawing at the outside [redacted] with one hack-saw blade that WEST had picked up in the room [redacted] we had been fingerprinted when we had been placed in jail. [redacted] midnight they finished sawing the bars off the outside of the [redacted] We then made a rope out of the blankets we had and WEST, REEVES, and I crawled out the window and to the ground. The three of us then walked about three miles North on Highway 61 leading out of Vicksburg where we saw a 1949 or 1950 Pontiac parked in a driveway. It was not locked on the outside, so WEST and REEVES [redacted] around the

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ignition of the Pontiac and drove back to the jail in it. We found another hack-saw blade in an old car parked on the street and took it back to the jail for JAMES ROPER and BEN PERRY to use in sawing off another bar. About three hours later and after we had been back to the jail several times, ROPER and PERRY finally got out of the window. We then left Vicksburg in the Pontiac which we had stolen, proceeding North on Highway 61, as I best remember. All five of us traveled in the Pontiac from Vicksburg, Miss. to Shreveport, La. where PERRY obtained ten dollars through a woman whom he knew there and whose name I do not recall. We then traveled to Houston, Texas, in the Pontiac, arriving in Houston about 9 PM February 20, 1953. We went to my sister's place at 8209 Day Road where I borrowed five dollars from my brother-in-law.

"After we had driven around Houston for a couple of hours trying to find some friends of PERRY, we decided to split up. WEST and I let the other three have the Pontiac and we started to hitch-hike to Corpus Christi, Texas. We arrived there about 6 PM February 21, 1953. We visited with my sister ELSIE HARTSFIELD for about thirty minutes and then hitch-hiked to my brother FRANK's home in Rockport, Texas. WEST and I spent Saturday there and on Sunday morning, February 22, 1953, we hitchhiked back to Corpus Christi. Later Sunday evening WEST and I had an argument and decided to split up. WEST talked about going to Virginia, although he did not mention any people he knew there. I have not seen or heard from WEST since that time.

"Sunday night I returned to my brother's place in Rockport and stayed there that night. Monday morning, February 23, 1953, I left Rockport and started walking toward Houston, Texas. I walked a lot, but did get a few short rides. I did not try to hitch-hike many rides, because I was afraid I would be recognized. I slept in a roadside ditch near Victoria, Texas, part of Tuesday night and later caught a ride to Houston, Texas, arriving at my sister's place at 8315 Sunbury about 6 AM Wednesday, February 25, 1953.

"I stayed at my sister's place most of Wednesday and was arrested there later that evening.

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"I have read this statement of this and two other pages and it is true and correct.

/s/ FRED DALE HAMMOND

"Witnessed:

/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, 2/26/53

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/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, Houston, Texas, 2/26/53"

On February 26, 1953, the Corpus Christi Resident Agent advised that Subjects WEST and HAMMOND had visited HAMMOND's relatives in that city in a 1952 Oldsmobile.

Lt. SPRADLEY, Auto Theft Bureau, Houston Police Department, was contacted to ascertain if an Oldsmobile had been stolen from the City of Houston on the night of February 20, 1953, and he advised that a 1952 Oldsmobile had been stolen on that date and was recovered at Walnut Springs, Texas, at the scene of a burglary. Apprehended at the burglary were PAUL LETTOW, LOUISE and LOIS STEWART, according to SPRADLEY. SPRADLEY advised that FRED HAMMOND had been named by those apprehended as a participant in the burglary but had escaped. SPRADLEY stated at that time that STEWART and LETTOW were incarcerated at the County Jail, Meridian, Texas.

The San Antonio Office was immediately advised of these facts and it could be determined if LETTOW was identical with Subject WEST. Subject HAMMOND was again re-interviewed February 27, 1953, and admitted that he and Subject WEST stole a 1952 Oldsmobile in Houston and had proceeded to Corpus Christi, Texas, where they picked up his, HAMMOND's, brother-in-law, LOIS STEWART, and his girl friend, LOUISE STEWART. The four of them then proceeded to Walnut Springs where they attempted to burglarize a cleaning establishment, according to HAMMOND, but WEST and the STEWARTS had been apprehended, and he had escaped and stolen a 1948 Pontiac at Walnut Springs which he brought to Houston and abandoned in the neighborhood of his sister's home at 8315 Sunbury.

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Lt. SPRADLEY was notified of the theft of the 1948 Pontiac and advised the approximate location where it was abandoned and he, in turn, advised the Writer that the car had been recovered.

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA

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Mrs. J. C. HARTSFIELD, 1806 Palm Drive, said she is a sister to FRED DALE HAMMOND. She said that on Saturday morning, February 21, 1953, at about 5:30AM, she received a local telephone call from him inquiring about the directions to drive to her home. She said he then arrived at her home about 6:00AM and was in company with a young man who appeared to be about 23 years of age and was approximately the same size as HAMMOND. She said she was not introduced to this other man and never did she hear his name called. She said that her brother talked to her and her husband for about two hours and that he left at about 8:00AM after inquiring about several members of her immediate family.

She said that the two were in a late model Oldsmobile sedan, light green in color, and that although she did not specifically observe the license plates she thought they were Texas license plates as she thought she would have observed if they had been from some other state. She said she asked FRED about the ownership of the car and he replied that she need not worry about it because it was "not hot". She said that she believed the car was either a 1952 or 1953 model. She said that at one time while talking to FRED about the Oldsmobile he told her he was going to Mexico and collect \$1500.00 on it.

Relating to the unknown person with her brother she said that he was of average build and that she did not notice anything distinctive about him. She said that the thing which impressed her most about his physical description was that he was dark and had dark brown bushy hair which was unkempt at the time she saw him. She said he had very little to say and appeared to be lacking in good manners. She said on one occasion he did mention that he had been in the Florida chain gang but had escaped.

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Mrs. HARTSFIELD said that FRED discussed with her the possibility of going to work on a shrimp boat but that she did not think he was serious, inasmuch as she knows that he is not going to do any kind of work if he can keep from it. She said that in connection with talking about shrimping he asked the address of her brother, HARRY HAMMOND, and wanted to know if he was still shrimping at Port Isabel, Texas. She said she told him that she last heard from HARRY during December, 1952, at which time he was still fishing at Port Isabel. She said that because of this inquiry and, further, because FRED, HARRY and BEN PARSONS were all in trouble together at one time, she thought it probable that FRED would try and contact HARRY at Port Isabel.

Mrs. MOZELLE PARSONS said she is married to BEN PARSONS but that he is presently in jail on a local charge. She is employed as a salesgirl at Sears, Roebuck & Co., and resides at 1309 Ocean Drive. She said that at approximately 8:30 AM. February 21, 1953, her brother, FRED came by the Sears Store and asked her to come out to his car so they could talk. She said when she arrived at the car she saw another man about the same age and description of her brother but that she was never introduced to him and did not hear his name called. She added that her brother and this man were in a late model Oldsmobile sedan, possibly a 1952 or 1953, and that it was a light green or light blue color. She said she did not see FRED where he obtained the car as she knew in her own mind it was not his and she did not want him to start lying to her about it. She said she talked to him for about fifteen or twenty minutes on this occasion and that he told her he was going to try and see his brother named FRANK who lives at Rockport, Texas.

She said that on Sunday afternoon, February 22, 1953, at about 6:00 PM. she was visiting her sister, Mrs. HARTSFIELD, when the telephone rang and it was FRED. She said he talked as if he wanted to come out and stay with them but she asked if he still had the other man with him. Upon being told that he was still with him she told him not to come as he would not be welcome. She related that FRED told her during this conversation that he had just returned from Laredo, Texas. She said that after a short conversation he hung up and she has not seen or heard from him since.

J. C. HARTSFIELD, 1806 Palm Drive, was interviewed apart from his wife. He corroborated the information furnished by his wife relating to the visit of FRED on February 21, 1953. He could furnish no additional

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information about the unknown companion with FRED but said that he, on one occasion, made the remark that he thought he would go to the State of Oregon.

The following individuals in the vicinity of Corpus Christi were interviewed but could furnish no pertinent information about Subject WEST:

JEFF BAGWELL, Identification Officer, Corpus Christi Police Dept.

ODEM DOLAN, Sheriff, Nueces County Sheriff's Office.

SID HERNDON, Herndon Marine Products, Corpus Christi, Texas.

JOE WALL, Wall Fish Co., Corpus Christi, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA :

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AT ROCKPORT, TEXAS:

FRANK HAMMOND, Deck Hand, Phillips 66 Dock, said he is a brother to FRED HAMMOND. He said that FRED and an unknown person visited him on February 21, 1953. He was not introduced to the man with FRED, he said, and he did not hear his name called. He could offer no distinctive feature about his physical description but said that he definitely had curly, bushy, dark hair, and a lot of it. He said his build was otherwise average.

HAMMOND said his brother was in a late model Oldsmobile sedan and that he asked him where he obtained it. He said that he got it in Houston but did not volunteer any further information. He added he noticed the car had Texas license plates on it but he recalls at one time this unknown person accompanying his brother made the remark that the plates to the car were obtained from a junk yard. He said he suspected the car was stolen but he did not press the matter because he knew that it would only make his brother mad.

ROY HINTON, owner, Hinton's Fish House, said that no one answering the description of Subject WEST has applied to him for a job on a fishing boat since February 20, 1953.

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The following investigation was conducted by the Writer:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

On February 27, 1953, Subject HAMMOND was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner RALPH L. FOWLER, where he was charged with violation of Section 751, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that he did escape from Warren County Jail, Vicksburg, Miss., on February 20, 1953. Subject waived removal hearing and was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal, Houston, Texas, in lieu of \$4,000.00 bond. The U. S. Marshal's Office advised HAMMOND had been removed to Jackson, Miss., on March 5, 1953.

The facts concerning the 1951 Pontiac which was transported from Vicksburg, Miss., to Houston, Texas, by HAMMOND and other Subjects were presented to Assistant U. S. Attorney LEV HUNT, who declined prosecution in view of the processes already outstanding against the Subjects.

The following description of Subject HAMMOND was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name;	FRED DALE HAMMOND
Address:	8315 Sunbury St., Houston
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Born:	[REDACTED]
Height:	5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	150 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Dark brown, straight
Complexion:	Dark
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Sheet metal worker
Draft Status:	4-F - LDB 57, Houston
Relatives:	STELLA HAMMOND, Mother, 8315 Sunbury, Houston, Texas; JOE HAMMOND, Brother, LE worth, Kansas; OLIVER HAMMOND, Brother, E. Houston, Texas

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Relatives (Contl):

CLYDE HAMMOND, Brother,  
Palacios, Texas;  
FRANK HAMMOND, Brother,  
Rockport, Texas;  
HARRY HAMMOND, Brother,  
address unknown;  
ROBERTA LONG (Husband initials  
M. I.), Sister,  
8315 Sunbury, Houston, Texas  
Mrs. H. J. (NINA) TURNER, Sister,  
8209 Ley Road, Houston;  
Mrs. WILLIAM (MARIE) ALLEN, Sister,  
Galveston, Texas;  
Mrs. BEN (GLADYS) BARROW, Sister,  
Corpus Christi, Texas;  
Mrs. GEORGE (ELSIE) HARTMAN,  
Sister, Corpus Christi, Texas;  
Mrs. LOIS (NORMA) STEWART, Sister,  
Galveston, Texas.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject **JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER**, 272 South Front St., Memphis, Tenn., was placed on stop by Highway Patrol, Memphis, Tenn., for subject **WEST**.

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**DETAILS:** Mrs. LORNAINE CARROLL, 272 South Front Street, Memphis, Tennessee, advised she manages the property at 272 and 274 South Front. She stated she had been residing at 272 South Front for approximately two or three years and that she does not know subject **JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER**.

Stops were placed with the Memphis Police Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Memphis, Tennessee, regarding all subjects; however, all stops have been removed with the exception of the stop placed against **ALLEN CLAYTON WEST**.

The following investigation was conducted by SA :

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In an effort to obtain information concerning **JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER**, contact was had with the following individuals with negative results:

**MITCHELL GRISSOM**, Sheriff, Tupelo, Mississippi  
**D. B. CROCKETT**, Chief of Police, Tupelo, Mississippi  
**DUDLEY PYLE**, Pyle's Grocery, Sallis, Mississippi  
**JIM ROPER**, Justice of the Peace, Guntown, Mississippi

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DEWEY ROPER, Baldwyn, Mississippi  
ED MAYS, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Fulton,  
Mississippi

All stated they did not know ROPER and all were  
of the opinion he never resided at Tupelo or Fulton or vicinity.

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THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Will advise the Memphis Division when subject WEST is apprehended in order that stops may be removed against him.

REFERENCE: New Orleans airtel to Bureau 2/20/53.  
New Orleans airtel to Chicago dated 2/25/53.  
New Orleans airtel to Chicago dated 2/26/53.  
New Orleans airtel to Charlotte dated 3/5/53.

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation Meridian, Texas, reflects subject WEST, with accomplices LOIS SAM STEWART and MILDRED LOUISE HAMMOND, was arrested on 2/23/53 for burglary. Subject FRED DALE HAMMOND escaped arrest and stole a 1948 Pontiac, and later arrested in Houston, Texas, on 2/27/53. Subject WEST escaped from Bosque County Jail, 2/24/53 and stole 1949 Chevrolet, IN GAA 124476, which car was recovered in Savannah, Georgia. USA, Austin, Texas, authorized prosecution of subject WEST, and advised Information and Waiver of Indictment are being forwarded to USA, Charlotte, N. C. in order for WEST to enter plea of guilty, under Rule 20.

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DETAILSAT MERIDIAN, TEXAS:

Sheriff J. C. ROYAL, Bosque County, advised that ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, LOIS SAM STEWART and MILDRED LOUISE HAMMOND were arrested February 23, 1953, for robbery of a dry goods store in Walnut Springs, Texas. He stated that a fourth person, later identified as FRED DALE HAMMOND, escaped arrest at Walnut Springs, Texas, and stole a 1948 Pontiac. He added that FRED DALE HAMMOND was arrested in

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Houston, Texas, on February 27, 1953. ROYAL advised that when the prisoners were placed in the Bosque County jail, the officers had not given them a through search. ROYAL said that the subjects were in possession of a 1952 Oldsmobile which contained several cartons of cigarettes and several men's shirts and trousers. He stated that the subjects denied knowledge of the theft of car, cigarettes or clothing.

Sheriff ROYAL stated that about 9:30 p.m., February 24, 1953, the prisoners were making a great disturbance and upon investigating, he, ROYAL, discovered that WEST had escaped. ROYAL stated that WEST had managed to maneuver the large draw bars on the main cell block, and then WEST sawed out a bar on one of the windows. He stated that he did not know of the theft of the 1949 Chevrolet from CLAUDE EVERETT until 9:00 a.m., February 25, 1953.

MILDRED LOUISE HAMMOND advised that she had been living with LOIS SAM STEWART in Corpus Christi, Texas, since January 28, 1953. She stated that FRED DALE HAMMOND, her brother, arrived at her home about February 20, 1953, and the following day WEST, who was known as PAUL LETTOW, arrived driving the 1952 Oldsmobile. She said that she thought the car belonged to WEST and did not know it was stolen. She advised further that they left Corpus Christi, Texas, February 22, 1953, about noon, and drove to Glen Rose, Texas. She stated that they spent the evening drinking, dancing and driving around the country. She advised that when they passed through Walnut Springs, Texas, about 2:00 a.m., they stopped in front of the store. She stated that she and LOIS SAM STEWART did not leave the car, but that FRED DALE HAMMOND and ALLEN CLAYTON WEST entered the store. She added that they were arrested while attempting to escape. She stated that her brother, FRED HAMMOND, had escaped the arrest at Walnut Springs, Texas.

She advised that she was separated from the other prisoners and did not have any information regarding the escape of subject WEST. She advised that she understood that WEST and her brother, FRED HAMMOND, had escaped from several jails, throughout the country.

LOIS SAM STEWART advised that he had been living with MILDRED LOUISE HAMMOND in Corpus Christi, Texas, since about January 28, 1953. He stated that he first met FRED DALE HAMMOND on February 20, 1953, when HAMMOND came to their tourist court. He added that HAMMOND left the court and returned on February 21, 1953, with WEST, who was known as PAUL LETTOW. He stated that they arrived in the 1952 Oldsmobile in which car they were arrested. He stated he thought

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instant car belonged to WEST. He stated that they spent the 21st of February in Corpus Christi, Texas, and the following day proceeded to Glen Rose, Texas where his parents live. He stated that they spent the day and evening drinking and dancing. He advised further that they passed through Walnut Springs, Texas, about 2:00 a.m. on February 23, 1953, when they stopped the car in front of the store. He added that he nor MILDRED LOUISE HAMMOND left the car, but that they remained while WEST and FRED HAMMOND entered the store. He stated that they were arrested while attempting to escape. STEWART added that FRED HAMMOND escaped arrest at Walnut Springs, Texas. He said the clothing and cigarettes were in the car when WEST arrived in Corpus Christi, Texas. He stated that they had traded cigarettes for gasoline on several occasions. STEWART said they were returned to the Bosque County jail and were questioned and searched by the officers. He stated that WEST stated in the cell that he had to get out of the jail because the fingerprints taken would reveal his true identity. STEWART stated that WEST had concealed two hacksaw blades and a knife in the belt band of his trousers, which the officers missed in their search. He advised that WEST was able to remove the large draw bars from the main cell block and then WEST sawed a bar from one of the windows from which WEST lowered himself on blankets. STEWART advised further that WEST escaped alone, and that he and the remaining prisoners called the Sheriff to notify him of the escape. STEWART added that WEST had bragged about some of the jails that he, WEST, and HAMMOND had escaped from throughout the country.

Mr. CLAUDE EVERETT advised that he was the owner of 1949 Chevrolet, motor number G21 124476, and that instant car had been stolen from his garage sometime between the hours of 7:30 p.m., February 24, 1953, and 8:00 a.m., February 25, 1953. He stated that he did not leave the keys in the car and that he had in his possession both sets of ignition keys. He stated further that he had been notified of the recovery of instant car in Savannah, Georgia.

United States Attorney CHARLES F. HERRING, Western District of Texas, advised inasmuch as subject ALLEN CLAYTON WEST was in custody at Charlotte, North Carolina, that the filing of an additional complaint and issuing another warrant was not necessary, but that he desired the case which had occurred in the Western District of Texas be presented to the court in the district where the subject WEST was in custody. He advised further that on the basis of information furnished him, he would prepare Information and a Waiver of Indictment and forward necessary papers to the United States Attorney, Charlotte, North Carolina, in order that subject WEST might enter a plea of guilty under Rule 20.

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The following is a description of LOIS E. STEWART obtained through observation and interview.

Name:	LOIS E. STEWART	
Birth:	[REDACTED]	b6
Height:	5' 11"	b7C
Weight:	171 pounds	
Eyes:	Blue	
Hair:	Dirty blonde, light brown	
Complexion:	Ruddy	
Build:	Slender	
Scars and marks:	Tattoos: LOIS, back left hand fingers; Rattlesnake, left inside fore- arm; LOVE, back right hand finger Heart, MOTHER, right forearm; Heart, LITTLE LO, right shoulder glass scars forehead and throat 2" scar left leg.	
Military Service:	U. S. Army, 1943-1947, ASN: 18-21-8117	
Relatives:	Father, NOAH T. STEWART, Glen Rose, Texas Mother, MARGARET STEWART, Glen Rose, Texas Brother, HERSCHEL STEWART, Glen Rose, Texas Brother, GERALD STEWART, Glen Rose, Texas Sister, LITTLE M. MOORE, Glen Rose, Texas Brother, DUDE STEWART, Prairie, Texas Brother, FRANK STEWART, Alice, Texas Brother, HAROLD STEWART, Huntsville, Texas Brother, JOHN ED STEWART, Hot Springs, Arkansas.	

The following is a description of MILDRED LOUISE HAMMOND obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	MILDRED LOUISE HAMMOND	
Birth:	[REDACTED]	b6
Height:	5' 1"	b7C
Weight:	104 pounds	
Eyes:	Brown	
Hair:	Black	
Complexion:	Dark	
Build:	Small	

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(Description of MILDRED LOUISE HAMMOND continued)

Scars:

1" cut scar palm, right hand

Relatives:

Father, JOHNNY WILLIAM HAMMOND,  
General Delivery, Houston, Texas

Mother, Mrs. OTTO LUTHER (PAULINE)  
Box 483, Palacios, Texas

Sister, Mrs. IRA AYDELOTT, 2616 Engle Ave.  
Dallas, Texas

Sister, SANDRA KAY LUTHER, Palacios, Texas

Brother, LESTER OLIVER BURGESS, Dallas, Texas

Brother, JOHNNY FRANK HAMMOND, Rockport,  
Texas

Brother, FRED D. LE HAMMOND, Vicksburg  
Mississippi Federal Prison.

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THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA:

Will report prosecution of subject WEST for theft of 1949 Chevrolet, motor number GSA 124476, from Meridian, Texas, to Savannah, Georgia, under Rule 20.

REFERENCE: Charlotte airtel to Bureau, Chicago, Houston, Miami, New Orleans, Savannah and San Antonio dated 3/3/53.

Savannah airtel to San Antonio dated 3/4/53.

Report of SA JAMES L. STOCKTON, New Orleans, dated 3/16/53. 76-15909-11

Report of SA EARL EDWARD SHEETS, Savannah, dated 3/23/53.

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TITLE <b>CHANGED: LOCKWOOD REEVES, was; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, was; Richard Theodore Wojciechowski, Dick Wojciechowski, Stephen Baker, XXXXXXXXXXXX Robert Stone, Paul Littow, Charles Irving Applegate - FUGITIVE FRED DALE HAMMOND; JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER, wa. "Red" Roper</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE; ESCAPE AND RESCUE; FEDERAL FUGITIVE ACT; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT- BURGLARY.</b>

## STATISTICS SYNOPSIS

Subject WEST arrested by USMP at Charlotte, N. C. 3-1-52 in possession of car no. 5, a 1950 green two-door Chevrolet, IN REG 253090, bearing stolen 1953 Miss. license 432 336. WEST admitted theft of car no. 5 in Savannah, Ga. 2-28-53. Stated he escaped from Fla. State Prison, Raiford, Fla. on 12-26-52 while serving 12 year sentence on burglary charge. He hitchhiked to Chicago, Ill. and met subject HAMMOND. He and HAMMOND stole car no. 1, a 1950 maroon Pontiac sedan in Chicago, Ill. 1-5-53 and drove same to Vicksburg, Miss. where arrested by local authorities 2-2-53. Stated ITSMV and WFA charges preferred. Stated he and HAMMOND and subject, ROPER, and another Federal prisoner escaped 2-19-53. He, ROPER and HAMMOND stole car no. 2, a 1950 Pontiac sedan at Vicksburg, Miss. and drove it to Houston, Tex. where car abandoned 2-21-53. They then stole car no. 3, a 1952 Oldsmobile sedan on 2-21-53. Stated he and HAMMOND drove car no. 3 to Corpus Christi, Tex. He and Mr. and Mrs. LOIS SAM STEWART arrested and confined to Co. Jail at Meridian, Tex. on Burglary charge. He escaped 2-24-53. On same date he stole car no. 4,

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a 1950 black Chevrolet sedan in Meridian, Tex. and drove same to Savannah, Ga. where it was abandoned 2-28-53. Stole car no. 5 same date. Authorized complaint filed before USC, Wilmington, N.C. 3-2-53 charging WEST with violation Section 2312 Title 18 USC. Waived hearing and committed to New Hanover Co. Jail, Wilmington, N.C. in lieu of \$5,000 bond. WEST indicted by FGJ, Raleigh, N.C. 3-9-53 in violation Section 2312 Title 18, USC. On 3-13-53 WEST was caught attempting to escape from Cumberland Co. Jail, Fayetteville, N.C. Authorized complaint filed before USC T. L. HON, Fayetteville, N.C. 3-24-53 charging WEST with violation Section 751 Title 18 USC. Arraigned same date, probable cause found and recommitted to jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond. Subject states he desires to enter plea of guilty to all Federal charges. Trial scheduled 5-18-53 in USDC, Wilmington, N.C. Recovery value of car no. 5, \$1300.

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DETAILS: The title of this case is being marked "CHANGED" to show the additional aliases of subject WEST of PAUL LITTOV and CHARLES IRVING APPELEGATE, and the additional alias of subject ROPER of "RED" ROPER. WEST stated he used the name PAUL LITTOV when he was arrested in Meridian, Texas on February 24, 1953, and has used the name CHARLES IRVING APPELEGATE when registering in hotels or tourist courts since his escape from the Florida State Prison on December 26, 1952. He stated subject ROPER was called "RED" ROPER by himself and other subjects involved in the escape from the Vicksburg, Mississippi jail.

On March 1, 1953, Patrolmen R. H. CONSTANCE and H. S. WILKINS arrested subject WEST and JOHN JOSEPH DeGRANGE and JOHN BRISCO on United States Highway 17 near Shallotte, North Carolina. The Patrolmen stopped the car, which was being operated by BRISCO, because of their careless driving. They placed the three under arrest when they failed to have in their possession proper ownership papers for the car which they were driving, which was a 1950 green, two-door Chevrolet sedan, Motor Number HAA 253690, bearing 1953 Mississippi license 432 336. The Patrolmen confined these three individuals to the Brunswick County Jail at South Port, North Carolina. Patrolman CONSTANCE telephonically advised the writer and requested assistance in interviewing those individuals.

On the same date as their arrest by Patrolman CONSTANCE, BRISCO, DeGRANGE and WEST were interviewed by Special Agents PHILIP C. MOEN, THOMAS B. DeSTEFANI and the writer. BRISCO and DeGRANGE were interviewed separately and furnished substantially the same information, which was briefly as follows: On February 17, 1953, they left New York City, which is their home, and hitchhiked to Tampa, Florida, where they worked in a carnival for two days and then hitchhiked to Jacksonville, Florida, where

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where they stayed two days. Their money ran out and they started hitchhiking back to New York City. They were picked up by subject WEST between the South Carolina-Georgia State line and Charleston, South Carolina and accompanied him to Brunswick County, North Carolina, where they were stopped and arrested by Patrolman CONSTANCE. They stated WEST asked BRISCO to drive the car as he, WEST, was getting sleepy and had been driving for two days. BRISCO drove the car from Charleston, South Carolina to Brunswick County. They stated WEST was a stranger to them and he hardly spoke to them while together, and they had no idea the car was stolen.

BRISCO and DeGRANGE were released by Patrolman CONSTANCE on the Vagrancy charges against them on March 2, 1953 when no information of an evidentiary nature was developed implicating them in the theft.

Subject WEST admitted that the car in which they were arrested was stolen by him on February 28, 1953 in Savannah, Georgia. He also verified the information furnished by DeGRANGE and BRISCO as to their being picked up by him as hitchhikers. He said they were not involved in any way in the theft of this car, which will be identified as car number 5, and that they did not know the car was stolen.

WEST furnished the following information pertaining to himself between December 26, 1952 and March 1, 1953. He stated that he was serving a sentence of twelve years in the Florida State Prison as a result of conviction on a charge of Burglary. He escaped on December 26, 1952 and accompanied by subject HAMMOND, hitchhiked and rode public conveyances to Chicago, Illinois. He later corrected this statement by saying that he did not see HAMMOND in Chicago. He stated that about January 5, 1953 he and subject HAMMOND stole a 1950 Pontiac maroon sedan, which will be referred to as car number 1, and drove it to St. Louis, Missouri, staying there two days. They then went to Memphis, Tennessee, staying there one night, and picked up two hitchhikers when passing through Holly Springs, Mississippi. The four of them went to Birmingham, Alabama where they got rid of one of the hitchhikers, who was an ex-convict. They stayed overnight in Birmingham, and volunteered it was the night a bank was robbed in Birmingham, but he denied any participation in or any knowledge of the robbery other than what he read in the papers.

The three of them then drove to Atlanta, Georgia and on through to Savannah, Georgia. In Savannah the three broke into a dry cleaning establishment and stole between forty and fifty suits of clothes. They picked out the suits they personally wanted and threw the rest away. He could not state where the suits were discarded. They then drove to Statesboro, Georgia and about forty miles from Statesboro they burglarized a general merchandise store and got about \$200.00 in cash, two shotguns, and a .30 - .30 rifle. They drove on to Montgomery, Alabama where they bought a hack saw and cut the barrels of the shotguns down. They then drove to Meridian, Mississippi and on to Jackson, Mississippi, where they stole a .45 pistol and two .38 pistols from a service station operator, and he commented further that the service station operator was drunk.

From Jackson, Mississippi they drove to Vicksburg, Mississippi, and while WEST was drunk the State Patrol and the Vicksburg Police Department arrested them, all three, and confined them to jail in Vicksburg. He stated he gave his name as RICHARD THEODORE WOJCIECHOWSKI. He stated they were interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI in Vicksburg and were charged with violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicles Act and also with the Federal Firearms Act. He stated this arrest occurred on about February 2, 1953. WEST stated he and four other prisoners then escaped on February 19, 1953 from the Vicksburg jail and identified these individuals as follows: FRED HAMMOND, Federal prisoner; RED ROPER, Federal prisoner; — BERRY, State prisoner; and —, Federal prisoner.

He stated that after they escaped they split up and he and HAMMOND and ROPER stole a 1950 maroon Pontiac, four door sedan, which will be referred to as car number 2, at Vicksburg, Mississippi on the date of their escape, and drove through Arkansas to Shreveport, Louisiana where they saw some friends and got some money. He declined to identify the friends.

They drove from Shreveport, Louisiana to Houston, Texas where they abandoned the 1950 Pontiac on the street, and stole a 1953 "41" Oldsmobile, which will be referred to as car number 3, out of a garage. He stated this car belonged to a lawyer. He stated that while he and HAMMOND were stealing this car they were almost caught by the lawyer and left in such hurry they lost ROPER. He stated the owner of the car came out of the garage while they were getting it started and they did not have time to get away. ROPER, who was acting as a look-out. They drove this car from Houston to Corpus Christi, Texas and stopped there and saw some friends. They then drove to Laredo, Mexico to see some friends.

He and HAMMOND then drove back to Corpus Christi, Texas where they visited Mr. and Mrs. LOIS SAM STEWARD. He stated Mrs. STEWARD was HAMMOND's sister. Mr. and Mrs. STEWARD then accompanied them to a small town between Walterboro and Meridian, Texas where he left HAMMOND in the car while he attempted to burglarize a safe in an office building. He stated the STEWARDS were in the stolen Oldsmobile and HAMMOND was acting as a look-out. WEST stated he heard a shot and HAMMOND took off. WEST and the STEWARDS were arrested and HAMMOND was later arrested. He stated the STEWARDS were confined to the jail at Meridian, Texas on February 24, 1953. He stated he used the name PAUL LITOW. He stated that on the next day, February 25, 1953, he escaped from this jail and stole a 1950 Chevrolet, black two door sedan, which will be referred to as car number 4. He drove this car to Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, Savannah, Louisiana, Greenville, Mississippi, and about seventy-five miles east of Greenville, Mississippi, on United States Highway 82, he stole a set of Mississippi license plates and placed them on the 1950 Chevrolet he had stolen.

WEST stated he then drove to Savannah, Georgia where he abandoned this Chevrolet in a swamp on the outskirts of Savannah. He

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walked back to Savannah and stole car number 5, which he was occupying when arrested by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

Upon completion of this interview, WEST was stripped and searched and a hack saw was found in each of his two shoes, and a full size hack saw was sewn into his trousers under his belt. He was removed from the South Port jail to the New Hanover County jail at Wilmington, North Carolina on March 1, 1953. He was re-interviewed on March 2, 1953 and furnished no information in addition to that already set forth. The following statement concerning the theft of car number 5 in Savannah, Georgia was prepared and although he confirmed the statement as being true, he refused to sign same, stating he never signed anything under any circumstances:

Wilmington, N. C.  
March 2, 1953.

"I, Allen Clayton West, make the following voluntary statement to Austin C. McDonald who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me and I realize this statement may be used against me in a court of law. I have been advised I may have an attorney if I so desire.

"I was in Savannah, Ga. on Feb. 28, 1953. I short wired a 1951 Green Tudor Chevrolet Sedan in Savannah. The car was parked in 46th Street between Abicom and Bull Streets.

"I drove this car to Brunswick County, N. C. Enroute I picked up two young men about twenty miles north of the Georgia-South Carolina state line. We were arrested by a North Carolina Highway Patrolman in Brunswick County.

"Witness:  Special Agent, FBI, Charlotte, N. C.

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When the above statement was begun, the writer intended to reduce the writing in more detail the activities of WEST verbally given by him the previous day. After setting forth the violation involving car number 5, WEST said he did not care to discuss the matter any further and commented that he would plead guilty to all violations he had admitted the previous day.

The information furnished by WEST was forwarded to the Houston, New Orleans, Miami, Chicago, San Antonio and Savannah Offices, and also to the Bureau.

Patrolman R. H. CONSTANTI estimated the recovery value of the 1950 Chevrolet, car number five, at about \$1,300.00.

The facts of this case were discussed with Honorable CIGERO P. YOW, Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of North Carolina, and he authorized the filing of a complaint charging subject with violation of Section 2312 Title 18 United States Code in regard to car number five. He recommended a bond of \$5,000.00, returnable at Wilmington, North Carolina on May 18, 1953. On the same date a complaint was filed by the writer before United States Commissioner J. I. TAYLOR at Wilmington, North Carolina charging WEST with violation of Section 2312 Title 18, United States Code. He was specifically charged with that on or about March 1, 1953 he did steal and transport in interstate commerce one 1950 Chevrolet sedan, Motor Number HAA 253096, from Savannah, Georgia to Bolivia, North Carolina, knowing same to be stolen. He waived hearing and was committed to the New Hanover County Jail in lieu of bond of \$5,000.00.

He was subsequently removed to the Cumberland County Jail at Fayetteville, North Carolina by United States Deputy Marshal L. L. JOHNSON. On March 9, 1953 a true bill was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Raleigh, North Carolina charging WEST with violation of Section 2312 Title 18 United States Code in connection with the violation involving car number five.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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AT FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. NORMAN BUTLER, jailer, Cumberland County Jail, advised that the subject was caught in the process of attempting to escape from the jail block the night of March 13, 1953 by sawing the steel wall with hack saw blades on the rear of the cell. He stated that the attempted escape came to his attention as a result of searching WEST on March 14, 1953 and found several small pieces of hack saw blades in his shoes and one blade in his possession. He stated that WEST admitted to him that he had been sawing on the back cell wall with the blades. BUTLER stated that his reason for searching WEST was due to the fact that WEST had cursed him by calling him a "GD SOB" and also had been shouting and using vulgar language in the cell block where other inmates were also confined.

Mr. BUTLER stated he examined the back cell wall and discovered a cut approximately fourteen inches long and about eight inches wide in the steel wall behind a picture that WEST admitted using to hide the cut in the wall. Mr. BUTLER stated that it appeared that WEST was attempting to cut a small hole in the wall and, if successful, could possibly have escaped from the jail. BUTLER stated he was unable to determine how WEST obtained the hack saw blades.

The facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of North Carolina on March 19, 1953 and authorization against WEST was obtained for the attempted escape. Accordingly, on March 24, 1953, a complaint was filed by the writer before United States Commissioner T. L. HON, Fayetteville, North Carolina, charging WEST with violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code, in that he did on or about March 13, 1953 at Fayetteville, North Carolina unlawfully and willfully attempt to escape from confinement from the Cumberland County Jail at Fayetteville, North Carolina while being confined as a Federal Prisoner in said jail by sawing a portion of the cell wall with hack saw blades.

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On the same date, March 24, 1953, WEST was afforded a hearing before United States Commissioner T. L. HON, at which time probable cause was established and WEST was re-committed to the Cumberland County Jail in lieu of \$1,000.00 bond, returnable September, 1953 at Fayetteville, North Carolina.

WEST was interviewed and readily admitted to the writer that he was attempting to escape from the County Jail with hack saw blades. He declined to explain in detail how he was successful in obtaining the blades, other than the fact that he stated that after being arrested at Wilmington, North Carolina by FBI Agents and members of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, and confined to the county jail at Wilmington, North Carolina, he made contact with someone, stating that he did not want to mention the name of the person, and obtained some hack saw blades. He stated he was searched by Deputy Marshal JACKSON before being transferred from the Wilmington jail to the county jail at Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the blades were not found on his person. WEST stated he had the blades strapped to his skin at the middle and lower part of his back. He also stated that some blades were found in his clothing and shoes. He stated he was also searched at the county jail in Fayetteville but the blades strapped to his back were not found.

The hack saw blades that were found on WEST at the time of this attempted escape were obtained from jailer BUTLER and will be placed in the bulky exhibit section of this file in the Charlotte Office.

WEST has indicated he desires to enter a plea of guilty in the Eastern District of North Carolina to all Federal charges outstanding against him.

The following Identification Record of WEST, under FBI Number 4229558, was received from the Identification Division of the FBI on April 9, 1953:

PD, Savannah, Ga.; ALLEN WEST, #14095; 8-27-44; larceny of auto to; 9-7-44 indet sent to State Farm for Boys.

SO, Savannah, Ga.; ALLAN CLAYTON WEST, #45522; Marine electrician advancing worker 1-4-45;

St Dept of Corr, Atlanta, Ga., #A-29081/11468; ALLEN WEST, #--, St Prison, Reidsville, Ga.; 4-27-45; lar of auto; 6 mos.

PD, Savannah, Ga.; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, #14-095; 9-6-45; Gen Inv; 10-1-45, 2 to 5 yrs on chg of burg & larc autos.

St Dept of Corr, Atlanta, Ga., #A-17871; ALLEN WEST, #--, St. Prison, Reidsville, Ga.; 10-12-45; burg; 2-5 yrs 3 cts con 8-26-48 cond rel on chg of burg simple larc (2 cts)

Army; ALLAN CLAYTON WEST, #RA 14290819; 9-17-48, Tampa, Fla.

Fed Ref, Petersburg, Va.; ALLEN C. WEST, #18296-Lee; 11-18-49, in trans from Ft Hancock; Sodomy AWOL Break Arrest; 4 yrs.

USP, Lewisburg, Pa.; ALLEN C. WEST, #18276; 1-5-50 in trans from Petersburg; sodomy AWOL and breaking arrest; 4 yrs 1-17-50 sent reduced from 4 to 3 yrs per Dept of Army Blue Seal Letter new rel dates are: condl rel 10-14-51 expires full term 6-16-51 7-1-50 trans to USP Atlanta, Ga.

USP, Atlanta, Ga.; ALLEN C. WEST, #70385; 7-3-50; Sodomy, AWOL & breaking arrest; 3 yrs. 10-21-51 cond. rel.

PD, St Petersburg, Fla.; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, #10708; 10-31-51 vol crim reg; rel.

PD, St Petersburg, Fla.; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, #10708; 3-11-52; Inv. B& E & GL.

SO, Clearwater, Fla.; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, #5160; 3-11-52; B&E 2 chgs; BOT Cirt Ct. \$5000 bond.

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Fla St. Pr, Raiford, Fla.; ALLEN C. WEST, #49861; 5-30-52;  
B & E w/i to commit a felony; 4 yrs, 2 commitments of 4 yrs  
each to run conc.

USM, Jackson, Miss.; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, #53 38; 1-29-53;  
NVTA; pend

SO, Meridian, Texas; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, #—; 2-24-53; burg.

BFD, Charlotte, NC; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, #—; 3-2-53, ITSMV.

BFD, Charlotte, NC; ALLAN CLAYTON WEST, #—; 3-24-53; escape  
& rescue.

The subject, WEST, is described as follows as obtained  
from observation and interrogation:

Name	ALLEN CLAYTON WEST
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	23
Born	March 25, 1929 at New York, New York
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and marks	Tattoos on right hand, right arm, left hand, left arm, left ankle, left leg, left knee, right foot, right leg and on chest.

Enclosure:

To: New Orleans  
(1) photograph of subject WEST.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

A copy of this report is being furnished the Savannah Office in order that they may advise the Savannah Police Department of the admissions of WEST in regard to the burglarizing of a dry cleaning establishment of forty to fifty suits in Savannah, Georgia about January 11, 1953.

LEADS

CHARLOTTE:

AT WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Will re-interview WEST as to who assisted him in obtaining the hack saw used by him in attempting to escape from the Cumberland County Jail at Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Will determine the identity of the prisoners confined to the New Hanover County Jail with WEST prior to his removal to the Cumberland County Jail, and interview them as to their possibility of assisting WEST in obtaining hack saw blades.

Will conduct any additional investigation deemed advisable in attempting to determine how WEST obtained the blades.

Will follow and report prosecutive action in United States District Court week of May 18, 1953.

REFERENCES

Charlotte teletype to Savannah dated March 2, 1953.

✓ Charlotte Airtel to the Bureau, Chicago, Houston, Miami, New Orleans, San Antonio and Savannah dated March 3, 1953.

Savannah Airtel to San Antonio, Charlotte and New Orleans dated March 4, 1953.

New Orleans teletype to Charlotte dated March 5, 1953.

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San Antonio Airtel to Charlotte and New Orleans dated March 6, 1953.

New Orleans Airtel to Charlotte dated March 6, 1953.

Chicago Airtel to Charlotte, Miami, New Orleans, Houston and San Antonio dated March 6, 1953.

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 12, 1953 at Miami.

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Report of SA JAMES M. STOCKTON dated March 16, 1953 at New Orleans.

Report of SA EARL EDWARD SHEETS dated March 23, 1953 at Savannah.

Bulet to Charlotte dated March 25, 1953.

New Orleans Airtel to Savannah dated April 1, 1953.

Bulet to Charlotte dated April 1, 1953.

Chicago memo to New Orleans and Charlotte dated April 2, 1953.

Report of SA RICHARD AVERY DYER dated April 17, 1953 at San Antonio.

New Orleans Airtel to Charlotte dated April 10, 1953.

New Orleans Airtel to Charlotte dated April 23, 1953.

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TITLE LOCKWOOD REEVES, was., et al			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPE AND RESCUE. INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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6/1/53. JRM/mrp

BEN PERRY, Vicksburg, Miss., and subjects REEVES, ROPER and HAMMOND denied any assistance rendered them by other prisoners, Vicksburg, in escape 2-20-53. USA, Jackson, Miss., declined prosecution of PERRY and other prisoners at Vicksburg. Federal grand jury, Jackson, Miss., returned true bill of indictment 4-3-53 against all four subjects on escape charge and ITSMV violation where cars stolen Vicksburg, Miss., and recovered near Pecos, Tex. Subjects REEVES, ROPER and HAMMOND entered pleas of guilty before USDC, Hattiesburg, Miss., 4-15-53. Subjects REEVES and ROPER sentenced to total of seven years each. Subject HAMMOND sentenced to total of ten years. Disposition sheets and parole reports on REEVES, ROPER and HAMMOND submitted. Subject WEST indicated desire to plead guilty at Raleigh, N. C., to all pending federal charges against him. Certified papers on WEST furnished to USA, Raleigh, N. C., by USM, Jackson.

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DETAILS: AT VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Upon the return of BEN PERRY by the Sheriff of Warren County and his incarceration in the Warren County Jail in Vicksburg, he was

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viewed concerning the escape at Vicksburg and in an effort to determine if any assistance was rendered to him by a jail trusty by the name of LEONARD SPEAKS. PERRY denied that any assistance was rendered to them by anyone in the jail at the time of their escape on February 20, 1953.

During the course of the interview with BEN PERRY, the following signed statement was obtained, the original of which is being retained in the New Orleans file:

"Vicksburg, Miss.  
March 9, 1953

"I, Ben Perry, do hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to James M. Stockton who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Owen Ring, Sheriff of Warren County. I have been advised of my right to advise of an attorney and that I am not required to make a statement and any statement I do make can be used against me in court. I am making this statement of my own free will.

"On Thursday February 19, 1953 while some workmen were working in the jail, the workmen went down stairs for lunch, Allen Clayton West used a coat hanger and spray gun to reach a blowtorch and took the torch into the cellblock and he and Reeves took the torch into the back of the cellblock and burned two bars nearly out of the cell. Then they brought the torch and threw it out and pushed it out of reach. Every one in the cellblock knew what was going on.

"That same night West and Reeves used a hacksaw blade to finish sawing the bars to the cellblock. West and Reeves got out of the cell that night before the lights were turned out. They helped to pull me through the hole and Roper and Hammond and the other two men in the jail helped to force me through the hole.

"West, Hammond and Reeves were at the window sawing the bar. They sawed one bar and the three of them went through the window and down the blanket rope we made. They dropped the hacksaw on the ground and when they got they tied the hacksaw blade to the blanket and Roper pulled it back through the window. Roper sawed a second bar then I bent it up so Roper

"and I could get out.

"Then we got on the ground we waited about thirty minutes before West, Hammond and Reeves came back in an automobile and picked us up.

"Reeves drove the car, and we went to Greenville, Mississippi and crossed the river bridge into Arkansas. West took a license tag soon after we got into Arkansas and put on the car. We went Minden and Shreveport, Louisiana then to Marshall, Texas and turned south to Houston, Texas where we left West and Hammond.

"The other three of us continued on and Balmarhea, Texas where we three were arrested in the Pontiac car which we used to travel from Vicksburg to Texas.

"I did not participate in the theft of the car but I know it was stolen.

"Leonard L. Speaks, the jail trusty did not do anything to help us escape jail but I'm sure he knew we were leaving and he did nothing to prevent.

"The two boys who stayed in jail by the name of Senior and Overstreet helped to force me through the hole in the cellblock. All the inmates of the jail knew we were leaving and all of them joined in the singing to keep the noise from the hacksaw from being heard.

"I have read this statement and know this is true.

(Signed) Ben Perry

"Witnesses:

"James M. Stockton, FBI.,  
New Orleans, La.

"Owen Ring, Sheriff  
Vicksburg, Miss."

Subject JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER was interviewed at the Hinds County Jail at Jackson, Mississippi, at which time he furnished the following signed statement concerning the escape at Vicksburg, Mississippi on February 20, 1953. It is noted that ROPER denied that any assistance was rendered to him or any of the other escapees at the time they escaped jail at Vicksburg.

During the interview with subject ROPER, he furnished the following signed statement the original of which is being retained in the New Orleans file:

"Jackson, Miss.  
March 30, 1953

"I, James Flavous Roper, do hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to James M. Stockton, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I am not required to make a statement and any statement I do make can be used against me in court. I realize that I am entitled to advise of an attorney before making a statement. I have not been threatened, abused or coerced in any way to cause me to make this statement.

"I am 35 years old and my home is Tupelo, Miss.

"On the morning of February 19, 1953 about noon time, some workmen were doing some welding work.

"Allen C. West, Fred Hammond, Lockwood Reeves and I were awaiting trial on Federal charges of auto theft.

"West and Reeves took the torch while the workmen were at lunch, and burned the cellblock bars nearly out -- leaving only a small bit of steel holding the bars in place - That night West and Reeves used a hacksaw blade to saw the bars loose in the cellblock and to saw the bar from the window in the jail.

"West, Reeves, Hammond and Ben Perry a state prisoner and I got out of jail. West, Reeves and Hammond got out first then West brought a hacksaw blade back to the jail and Ben Perry and I sawed another bar from the jail window and let ourselves

"down to the ground by use of a blanket tied to the window.

"We left Vicksburg, Miss., in a Pontiac that Hammond, Reeves and West had taken. We drove north on U. S. Highway 61 to Leland, Miss., then turned west and crossed the Mississippi River Bridge at Greenville. Shortly after we were in Arkansas West stole an Arkansas license tag and put on the car.

"We traveled to Houston, Texas then split up. Reeves, Perry and I went to Reeves' brother's place where we were arrested about February 24, 1953, at or near Pecos, Texas, in the Pontiac car which we took from Vicksburg, Miss., when we escaped.

"I read the statement and it is true.

(Signed) James Flavous Roper

"Witnesses:

"James M. Stockton, FBI,  
New Orleans, La.

"T. H. Bateler Jailer Hinds Co."

FRED DALE HAMMOND was interviewed at the Hinds County Jail in Jackson, Mississippi, concerning his escape at Vicksburg and as to whether or not any assistance was rendered to him by prisoners of the jail at Vicksburg and particularly with reference to LEONARD SPLES, and he denied that any such assistance was rendered by anyone, either jail prisoners or anyone associated with the jail at Vicksburg.

During the interview with subject HAMMOND, the following signed statement was obtained, the original of which is being retained in the New Orleans file:

"Jackson, Miss.  
March 10, 1953

"I, Fred Dale Hammond, do hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to James M. Stockton whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my right to advise of an attorney and the fact

"that I am not required to make a statement and any statement I do make can be used against me in court.

"On Thursday February 19, 1953 Allen Clayton West, Lockwood Reeves, James F. Roper and I together with a state prisoner by the name of Ben Perry broke out of the county jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi. That day during the noon hour Lockwood Reeves, got a blow torch that was being used by some workmen, and cut two bars from the cellblock almost out, leaving only a small part to hold the bars in place. West and Reeves used a hacksaw blade that West had to finish sawing the bars that night.

"Before the lights were put out in the jail West and Reeves went out that hole into the bullpen. Roper then went out, then Ben Perry and I went out last, after the lights were out.

"West and Reeves sawed one bar in the jail window and let themselves down a ladder made of blankets. I went out with them. West, Reeves and I went to look for a car and to get another hacksaw blade so the other two could saw another bar. We went to a house and West and Reeves went to the garage and got the 1949 Green Pontiac. We found a hacksaw blade and West took it back to the jail and tied it to the blankets and gave it up to Roper. We made several trips back to the jail to pick up the other two, Roper and Perry. When they finally came out all five of us left Vicksburg in the car.

"We went to Greenville, Mississippi and crossed the river bridge into Arkansas. Soon after we crossed the bridge West stole an Arkansas license and put on the car.

"We drove to Shreveport, La., to Marshall, Texas then to Houston arriving there on Friday February 20, 1953.

"We separated at Houston, West and I left the other three there and left them with the Pontiac.

"I was arrested at my sister's home in Houston on February 25, 1953, and transferred to Jackson, Mississippi about March 5, 1953

"I have read this statement and it is true

(Signed)

Freddie Dale Hammond

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"Witnesses:

"James H. Stockton,  
FBI., New Orleans, La.

"J. C. Landrum  
Jailer Hinds Co. Jail  
Jackson, Miss"

Subject LOCKROOD REEVES orally admitted escaping jail at Vicksburg on February 20, 1953, and participating in the theft of a 1949 Pontiac sedan, the property of ROBERT McGEE at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and its interstate transportation to Pecos, Texas. Subject REEVES refused to furnish a signed statement in this matter but did state that no assistance was rendered to him by any prisoners or officials of the Warren County Jail.

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] declined prosecution of BEN PERRY, LEONARD SPEAKS and all other prisoners from Warren County Jail who were present at the time of the escape on February 20, 1953.

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The facts on this matter were presented to a federal grand jury at Jackson, Mississippi, on April 1, 1953, and indictments were returned on April 3, 1953, charging subjects with escaping jail on February 20, 1953, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, while awaiting trial on a federal felony charge in violation of Section 751, Title 18, U. S. Code.

Another indictment charging all four subjects with the theft of a 1949 Pontiac sedan, Motor Number P6RS-16717, property of ROBERT McGEE. This indictment charged subjects WEST and HAMMOND with the interstate transportation of this car from Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Houston, Texas, and charged subjects REEVES and ROPER with the interstate transportation of this same automobile from Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Pecos, Texas.

Subject REEVES was indicted for the interstate transportation of the 1950 Buick, the property of Mrs. K. P. TURNER, from Natchez, Mississippi, to Laredo, Texas. This information has already been set out in the case entitled "LOCKWOOD REEVES, ITSMV," in which New Orleans

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was office of origin, New Orleans File 26-12816.

Subjects HAMMOND and WEST were charged in a separate indictment with the theft of a 1949 Pontiac coach, property of Dr. HARRY FEINEBURG, from Chicago, Illinois, to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Subject ROPER was charged with interstate transportation of this same automobile from Macon, Georgia, to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised that he had agreed for subject WEST to enter pleas of guilty under Rule 20 at Raleigh, North Carolina, where he is presently incarcerated on still another ITSMV charge and attempted jail break there.

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[redacted] advised that he did not prepare an indictment against subjects HAMMOND, WEST and ROPER in connection with the possession of two sawed off shotguns in violation of the federal firearms act, but that this matter was brought to the attention of the grand jury and the true bill of indictment was returned.

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#### AT HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Subject HAMMOND entered a plea of guilty to all the indictments in the Southern District of Mississippi pending against him before United States District Court on April 15, 1953, and he was sentenced on the first indictment charging him with the theft and interstate transportation of the HARRY FEINEBURG automobile to five years in the custody of the Attorney General. On the second indictment he was sentenced to five years in the custody of the Attorney General on the escape and rescue charge, which sentence was to run concurrently with the sentence on the first indictment. On the third indictment, HAMMOND entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years in connection with the theft of the ROBERT MCGEE automobile at Vicksburg. This sentence is to run consecutively with the first sentence making a total sentence of ten years for HAMMOND to serve.

Subject REEVES entered a plea of guilty to the escape charge at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years to run concurrently with a five year previous sentence in connection with the theft of the car at Natchez, Mississippi. REEVES was sentenced on another indictment to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of two years in connection with the theft of the ROBERT MCGEE car at Vicksburg, this sentence to run con-

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scutively with the sentence on the first indictment in connection with the Watchez automobile for a total sentence of seven years.

Subject ROPER was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years in connection with the theft of the ROBERT McGEE car at Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was also sentenced to a period of five years in the custody of the Attorney General in connection with the HARRY FEINEBURG car, to run concurrently with the sentence on the first indictment, and on the third indictment was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of two years on the same charge, to run consecutively with other sentences, for a total of seven years.

Disposition sheet and parole report have been submitted to the Bureau in a separate report from New Orleans in the case entitled "LOCKWOOD REEVES, ITSM," who is the subject in a separate case in New Orleans is origin, New Orleans File 26-12816.

Disposition sheets and parole reports are being submitted to the Bureau with copies of this report on subjects HATHAWAY and PERRY.

Sheriff CARM RING, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised that BEN PERRY was sentenced in state court to four years in the penitentiary in connection with a forgery charge at Vicksburg.

The Bureau furnished the following Identification Record on BEN PERRY:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Rec'd</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
SO, Shreveport, La.	CHARLES HATHAWAY, #3709	9-15-41	hold for Mansfield, La.	9-15-41 - 10-15-41
Commanding General Services of Supply U. S. Army, Wash., D. C.	CHAS. GILBERT HATHAWAY, #32-ORI	applicant for Civilian Guard 3-20-42		

PD, Freeport, Texas	CHARLES GILBERT HATHAWAY, #32-ORI	applicant for Civilian Guard 3-20-42
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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Rec'd</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
SOS, War Dept.	CHARLES GILBERT HATHAWAY, #41-D.C.F.	applicant 3-16-43		
SOS, War Dept.	CHARLES GILBERT HATHAWAY, #108-LUH	steamfitter 11-15-43		
SO, Houston, Texas	CHARLES G. HATHAWAY #P-48197	10-2-46	worthless check	case dismissed, date not shown
SO, LaGrange, Texas	CHARLES HATHAWAY #5230	9-24-47	swindling-felony	5 yrs. suspended sentence 2-23-48
PD, Houston, Texas	CHARLES GILBERT HATHAWAY #38031	10-20-47	fugitive Lone Charles, La.	
PD, Elgin, Ill.	CHARLES GILBERT HATHAWAY #7146	12-11-47	dis. con. and con-game	12-13-48, B.O. 2-1-49 dis. B.O. 2-1-49 bond \$3500. con game.
PD, Shawnee, Okla	CHARLES EVERETT HURT #59511	10-31-50	forgery	No disposition 11-5-50
PD Columbia SC	CHARLES HOWARD #40763	12-24-51	inv	rel to sheriff Co SC
SO Columbia SC	CHARLES HOWARD #5919	12-24-51	breach of trust	released - no prosecution
SO Vicksburg Miss	BEN PERRY #196	1-16-53	forg	pend
BFD El Paso Texas	BEN PERRY #---	2-25-53	Car theft & Jail break	pend

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The San Antonio Division requested photographs of subjects HAMMOND and WEST in order that they might be exhibited to witnesses in a state murder case at Sonora, Texas, where RAUL AREVALO was shot and killed. The San Antonio Office subsequently advised that none of the subjects in this case had been identified in connection with this murder case. It is noted that the witnesses were permitted to observe BEN PERRY and subjects REEVES and ROPER personally and eliminated them and the photographs of subjects WEST and HAMMOND were not identified by witnesses.

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:

One Disposition sheet and parole report on FRED DALE HAMMOND.

One Disposition sheet and one parole report on JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER.

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THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Will report prosecutive action of subject WEST.

THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will, upon receipt of the report from Charlotte showing results of federal prosecution of subject WEST, submit closing report to the Bureau.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA JAMES M. STOCKTON dated March 16, 1953, at New Orleans.

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**JAMES M. STOCKTON**

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NAME OF CONVICT WITH ALIASES:

**FRED DALE HAMMOND**

VIOLATION:

**INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
MOTOR VEHICLE; ESCAPE AND RESCUE**

## PAROLE REPORT

### OUTLINE OF OFFENSE

FRED DALE HAMMOND and ALLEN CLAYTON WEST stole a 1949 Pontiac sedan, Motor Number L8RH-6809, property of Dr. HARRY FEINBURG at Chicago, Illinois, and drove to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he was apprehended in this car on January 28, 1953. A complaint was filed before United States Commissioner RUBY L. SEEB on January 29, 1953, charging them with violation of Section 2312, Title 18, U. S. Code, in connection with interstate transportation of this automobile. At a hearing the same date, HAMMOND waived examination and bond was fixed at \$3,000.00 and, being unable to make this bond, he was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal at Jackson, Mississippi, and lodged in the Warren County Jail at Vicksburg to await court action.

On February 20, 1953, HAMMOND, with three other federal prisoners who were awaiting trial, escaped jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and stole a 1949 Pontiac sedan, Motor Number P6RS-16717, property of ROBERT MCGEE, and traveled with the other escapees to Houston, Texas, where he was separated from the other escapees, leaving them with the car.

Authorized complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on February 20, 1953, charging FRED DALE HAMMOND, ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, LOCKWOOD REEVES and JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER with escaping jail at Vicksburg while awaiting trial on a federal felony complaint in violation of Section 751, Title 18, U. S. Code.

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HAMMOND was apprehended in Houston, Texas, on February 25, 1953, and given a hearing before the United States Commissioner at Houston on February 27, 1953, at which time he waived examination and bond was fixed at \$4,000.00 made returnable at Vicksburg instantler.

A federal grand jury returned three true bills of indictment against FRED DALE HAMMOND, the first charging him with the theft of the HARRY FEINBURG automobile in Chicago, Illinois, and transporting it to Vicksburg, Mississippi, the second indictment charging him with escaping jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi, while awaiting trial on a federal felony complaint. The third indictment charged interstate transportation of the ROBERT MCGEE automobile from Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Houston, Texas.

HAMMOND was removed to Jackson, Mississippi, by the United States Marshal at Houston, Texas, on March 5, 1953.

HAMMOND, without an attorney, appeared before United States District Court at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and entered a plea of guilty to all of the indictments against him in the Southern District of Mississippi, and was sentenced on the first indictment to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years in connection with the theft and interstate transportation of the HARRY FEINBURG car. He was sentenced on the second indictment in connection with the escape charge at Vicksburg in the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years to run concurrently with the sentence on the first indictment. On the third indictment for theft of the ROBERT MCGEE car, HAMMOND was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years, to run consecutively with the sentence on the first indictment, for a total sentence of ten years.

#### AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

FRED DALE HAMMOND, with ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, stole an automobile in Chicago, Illinois, and drove to Holly Springs, Mississippi, where they picked up JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER, a hitchhiker, and continued to Birmingham, Alabama, Savannah and Stillmore, Georgia, where they committed several business burglaries and from one burglary, they took two shotguns. Before reaching Vicksburg, Mississippi, they sawed off the barrels of these shotguns, making it easier for them to be handled in close quarters.

At Vicksburg, Mississippi, while awaiting trial on a federal felony charge, HAMMOND, with three other federal prisoners and one state prisoner, escaped jail by sawing the bars from the cell block in the Warren County Jail in order to effect their escape on February 20, 1953. At Vicksburg, they stole a 1949 Pontiac sedan and drove it to Houston, Texas, and at

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WEST and LOCKWOOD REEVES with escaping jail at Vicksburg while awaiting trial on a federal felony complaint in violation of Section 751, Title 18, U. S. Code.

At the time ROPER was apprehended, he was given a hearing before the United States Commissioner at Pecos, Texas, at which time he waived examination and bond was fixed at \$10,000.00, made returnable Vicksburg instantler.

A federal grand jury returned three true bills of indictment against ROPER on April 3, 1953, charging him on the first indictment with the interstate transportation of the HARRY FEINBURG automobile from Macon, Georgia, to Vicksburg, Mississippi. The second indictment charged him with escaping jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi, while awaiting trial on a federal felony complaint. The third indictment charged him with interstate transportation of the ROBERT MCGEE car from Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Pecos, Texas.

ROPER was removed to Jackson, Mississippi, placed in the custody of the United States Marshal, and on April 15, 1953, without an attorney, he appeared before United States District Court at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and entered pleas of guilty to all indictments pending against him in the Southern District of Mississippi. In connection with the theft and interstate transportation of the ROBERT MCGEE car, ROPER was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years. In connection with the escape charge at Vicksburg, he was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of two years to run consecutively with the sentence imposed in the third indictment. He was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of five years in connection with the interstate transportation of the HARRY FEINBURG car, which sentence was to run concurrently with the sentence on the third indictment, for a total of seven years.

#### AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

ROPER admitted having been picked up as a hitchhiker at Holly Springs, Mississippi, by ALLEN CLAYTON WEST and FRED DALE HAMMOND, and driving with them to Birmingham, Alabama, Savannah, Georgia, Stillmore, Georgia, and Macon, Georgia, where they committed several business burglaries. He admitted traveling in this car, knowing it to have been stolen, with the other two individuals, to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where they were apprehended in possession of that automobile. ROPER admitted participating in the burglary wherein they stole two shotguns and later sawed off the barrels to make them easier to handle in close quarters. He claims that he was only following the other individuals in connection with the jail breaking, that he did not actually saw any of the bars from the jail, and that he did not drive

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**JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER**

VIOLATION:

**INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
MOTOR VEHICLE; ESCAPE AND RESCUE**

## PAROLE REPORT

### OUTLINE OF OFFENSE

ROPER was picked up by FRED DALE HAMMOND and ALLEN CLAYTON WEST in a stolen 1949 Pontiac coach, property of Dr. HARRY FEINBURG, previously stolen at Chicago, Illinois, and he drove with them to Birmingham, Alabama, Savannah and Stillmore, Georgia, where they committed several business burglaries en route and took numerous articles, including cigarettes and two shotguns. They saved off the barrels of the guns, making it easier to handle them in close quarters prior to their apprehension in Vicksburg, Mississippi. From Stillmore, Georgia, they drove to Macon, Georgia, where ALLEN CLAYTON WEST stole a Georgia license tag, and then continued to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where they were arrested on January 28, 1953. A complaint was filed before United States Commissioner RUBY L. SHORT at Vicksburg on January 29, 1953, charging ROPER with violation of Section 2312, Title 18, U. S. Code, for the interstate transportation of this automobile from Macon, Georgia, to Vicksburg, Mississippi. At a hearing on the same date, ROPER waived examination and bond was fixed at \$1,000.00. Being unable to make the bond, he was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal and lodged in the Warren County Jail to await court action.

On February 20, 1953, ROPER, with three other federal prisoners, escaped jail at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and stole a 1949 Pontiac sedan, property of ROBERT MCGEE, and traveled in this car to Pecos, Texas, where he was apprehended in possession of this automobile.

A complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Vicksburg, Mississippi, charging JAMES FLAVOUS ROPER, FRED DALE HAMMOND, ALLEN CLAYTON

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Houston, Texas, HAMMOND and ALLEN CLAYTON WEST stole a 1952 Oldsmobile and drove it to Meridian, Texas, where they committed a business burglary and where WEST was apprehended and HAMMOND evaded arrest. He abandoned the 1952 Oldsmobile and stole another Pontiac automobile at Meridian, Texas, and drove it to Houston, Texas, where he was apprehended on February 25, 1953.

There are no known mitigating circumstances.



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either of the two automobiles involved.

There are no known mitigating circumstances.

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**NAME OF CONVICT WITH ALIASES:**

ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, was. Richard Theodore Wojciechowski, Dick Wojciechowski, Stephan Baker, Robert Stone, Paul Littow, Charles Irving Applegate

**VIOLATION:** INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE; ESCAPE AND RESCUE; FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - BURGLARY.

## PAROLE REPORT

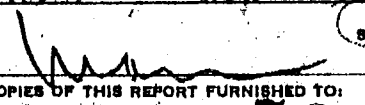
On March 9, 1953, the Federal Grand Jury at Raleigh, North Carolina returned a bill of indictment charging ALLEN CLAYTON WEST with violation of Section 2312, Title 18, United States Code. This bill of indictment charged WEST with interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle from Savannah, Georgia to Bolivia, North Carolina.

On March 24, 1953, a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Fayetteville, North Carolina, charging WEST with violation of Section 751 Title 18, United States Code. The complaint charged him with attempting escape from confinement in the Cumberland County Jail at Fayetteville, North Carolina while confined as a Federal prisoner. Information setting forth this charge was filed in United States District Court on May 20, 1953 at Wilmington, North Carolina.

On April 3, 1953, an indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi, charging WEST with violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code. This bill of indictment charged him with escaping from jail on February 20, 1953 at Vicksburg, Mississippi while awaiting trial on a Federal Felony charge.

On April 3, 1953, the Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi turned a bill of indictment, charging WEST with the same.

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state transportation of a stolen motor vehicle from Vicksburg, Mississippi to Houston, Texas on or about February 20, 1953.

On April 3, 1953, a Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi turned a bill of indictment charging WEST with violation of Section 1511 Title 18, United States Code. This bill of indictment charged WEST with the interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle from Chicago, Illinois to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Information was prepared by the Honorable CHARLES F. HEER United States Attorney, Austin, Texas, charging WEST with the interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle from Boscue County, Texas to the state of Georgia on or about February 24, 1953. The date of this preparation is unknown.

WEST entered a plea of guilty under Rule 20 to the indictments returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi on February 3, 1953 and identified above in United States District Court, Wilmington, North Carolina, on May 20, 1953.

WEST also entered a plea of guilty to the information forwarded by United States Attorney CHARLES F. HEERING of Austin, Texas and filed in United States District Court on May 20, 1953.

WEST also entered a plea of guilty to bill of indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Raleigh, North Carolina on May 1, 1953 in the information set forth above charging him with violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code, filed in United States District Court also on May 20, 1953.

WEST was found guilty on six separate charges by the Honorable DON GILLIAM, Federal Judge, United States District Court, on May 20, 1953 and was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States, or his authorized representative, for imprisonment for a period of five years on each charge. The Court also adjudged that the sentences in each charge and conviction are to run concurrently. The Court recommended that WEST be committed to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

There are no known mitigating circumstances.

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NAME OF CONVICT WITH ALIASES:

**ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, was. Richard Theodore Wojciechowski, Dick Wojciechowski, Stephan Baker, Robert Stone, Paul Littow, Charles Irving Applbaum**

VIOLATION:

**INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE; ESCAPE AND RESCUE; FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - BURGLARY.**

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On April 3, 1953, an indictment was returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi, charging WEST with violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code. This bill of indictment charged him with escaping from jail on February 20, 1953 at Vicksburg, Mississippi while awaiting trial on a Federal Parole Charge.

On April 3, 1953, the Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi turned a bill of indictment, charging WEST with violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code.

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state transportation of a stolen motor vehicle from Vicksburg, Mississippi to Houston, Texas on or about February 20, 1953.

On April 3, 1953, a Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi turned a bill of indictment charging WEST with violation of Section 211, Title 18, United States Code. This bill of indictment charged WEST with the interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle from Chicago, Illinois to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Information was prepared by the Honorable CHARLES F. HERRING, United States Attorney, Austin, Texas, charging WEST with the interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle from Boscue County, Texas to the state of Georgia on or about February 24, 1953. The date of this preparation is unknown.

WEST entered a plea of guilty under Rule 20 to the indictments returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Mississippi on February 3, 1953 and identified above in United States District Court, Wilmington, North Carolina, on May 20, 1953.

WEST also entered a plea of guilty to the information forwarded by United States Attorney CHARLES F. HERRING of Austin, Texas and filed in United States District Court on May 20, 1953.

WEST also entered a plea of guilty to bill of indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Raleigh, North Carolina on May 9, 1953 in the information set forth above charging him with violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code, filed in United States District Court also on May 20, 1953.

WEST was found guilty on six separate charges by the Honorable DON GILLIAM, Federal Judge, United States District Court, on May 20, 1953 and was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States, or his authorized representative, for imprisonment for a period of five years on each charge. The Court also adjudged that the sentences in each charge and conviction are to run concurrently. The Court recommended that WEST be committed to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

There are no known mitigating circumstances.

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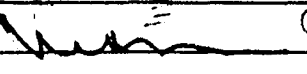

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TITLE <b>LOCKWOOD REEVES, was; ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, was. - FUGITIVE; FRED DALE HARMON; JAMES FLEAVOUS COOPER, wa.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE; ARREST AND RESCUE; FEDERAL VIOLATION ACT; UNLAWFUL DETENTION - CONFINEMENT - BURLINGTON</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			

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Deputy Marshal T. L. JACKSON, EDNC, Wilmington, N. C. advised he searched WEST prior to removing him from Wilmington to Fayetteville, N. C. for confinement 3-4-53. JACKSON states WEST told him that he obtained hacksaw blades, used in attempt to escape from the Cumberland Co. Jail at Fayetteville, N. C. 3-13-53, while in Cumberland Co. Jail. Additional investigation re WEST's obtaining hacksaw blades conducted with negative results. WEST refused to disclose source of blades. WEST entered plea of guilty in CDC 5-20-53 to information charging him with violation of Section 751 Title 18 USC, and indictment charging violation of Section 2312 Title 18 USC. WEST also entered plea of guilty under Rule 20 to information filed in MD Tbx. charging violation of Section 2312 Title 18 USC; also to 3 separate indictments in SD Tbx. charging him with violation of Section 2312 Title 18 USC; and 1 violation of Section 751 Title 18 USC. WEST found guilty by Federal Judge J. GILLIAM on all 6 separate charges and sentenced to 5 years confinement on each of 6 charges, all sentences to run concurrently. Disposition sheet and Parole Report submitted as enclosures, for subject WEST.

DETAILS: AT WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Deputy Marshal T. L. JACKSON, Eastern District of North Carolina, advised that when he removed subject WEST from the New Hanover County Jail at Wilmington, North Carolina on March 24, 1953 to the Cumberland County Jail at Fayetteville, North Carolina, he personally searched WEST. JACKSON stated that WEST positively did not have a hacksaw blade.

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DISPOSITION SHEET DETACHED AND HANDLED SEPARATELY.

taped to his back, nor in his opinion did WEST have a hacksaw blade anywhere on his person. It is to be noted that WEST has made the statement that he had a hacksaw blade taped to the center of his back at the time Marshal JACKSON removed him from Wilmington to Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Deputy Marshal JACKSON advised that when he removed WEST from the Cumberland County Jail at Fayetteville, North Carolina back to Wilmington, North Carolina on May 17, 1953 for trial in United States District Court, WEST advised him that he obtained four hacksaw blades in the Cumberland County Jail shortly before his attempted escape. Deputy Marshal JACKSON related that WEST claimed these blades were delivered to him in an Esquire magazine. WEST refused to tell JACKSON who assisted him and declined to make any further statements.

Confidential Informant T - 1, of unknown reliability, another Federal prisoner confined in the New Hanover County Jail during Court trial week of May 18, 1953, advised he overheard stray bits of conversation between WEST and other prisoners and he gathered the following impressions from these different bits of conversation:

WEST allegedly owned two wristwatches when he was confined to Cumberland County Jail on March 4, 1953 and reportedly sold those watches for \$40.00 shortly after being confined to that jail. WEST was supposed to have given \$25.00 of this \$40.00 to a woman being held on prostitution charges, whose husband and husband's brother were also confined in the same jail. WEST was supposed to have loaned this \$25.00 to this woman with the understanding that she would use it to make her bond of \$500.00 and then assist him in obtaining hacksaw blades. She did not carry out her promise and after her husband and his brother later made bond, her husband paid WEST \$20.00 of the \$25.00 loaned to her.

WEST, according to T - 1, also made the following statement in the presence of [redacted] another Federal prisoner, and was referring to [redacted] "That old monkey is the only person who has carried out a promise for me after being released from jail." This statement, reportedly made by WEST, was referring to [redacted] is reported by T - 1 as stating, "This Negro trustee got the blades on the street and carried them up to WEST." T - 1 received the impression that [redacted] gave the blades to the trustee. T - 1 also advised that WEST referred to all of the prisoners as "monkeys."

[redacted], a Federal prisoner in the New Hanover County Jail during a portion of the week of May 18, 1953, was interviewed as to his knowledge or possible participation in the attempted escape of WEST on or about March 13, 1953. [redacted] stated that he was not a buddy of

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WEST while they were confined in the Cumberland County Jail and he personally has no knowledge of how or where WEST obtained the blades which he used in his attempted escape. He claimed the statement attributed to WEST in his presence, and also the statement attributed to him personally, were not true. He stated WEST was always telling about his experiences in prisons, the theft of cars, and his adventures in general, and is a chronic liar. He said WEST never confided in anyone and to his knowledge did not confide in any other prisoners. He said WEST did a lot of talking about past activities but never gave any indication of his plans to attempt to escape. He stated, in fact, WEST was very secretive in this respect.

It may be noted that [ ] received a prison sentence and was awaiting the payment of a fine which would result in his sentence being suspended. He appeared to be very cooperative and discussed other bits of conversation overheard by him while confined to the Cumberland County Jail and also the New Hanover County Jail.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [ ]

AT FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

The subject was interviewed at the Cumberland County Jail regarding the attempted escape by him from instant jail with the use of hacksaw blades and he again admitted that he had attempted to escape from the jail with hacksaw blades that he had previously concealed on his person. He refused to discuss in detail his method of obtaining the hacksaw blades. He would not state whether or not he had obtained the blades while confined at the County jail at Wilmington or Fayetteville, North Carolina. He stated that he would not reveal the identity of anyone who assisted him in his attempted escape even if it was necessary for him to serve a longer sentence or suffer more severe consequences.

Subject WEST refused to answer any questions with specific answers when questioned regarding his method of obtaining the blades. He denied owning two wristwatches and selling these watches. He stated that he had no money since being a prisoner in North Carolina.

Mr. NORMAN BUTLER, jailer, stated that he would not permit WEST to sell any property while an inmate and that he could not recall if WEST had owned a wristwatch. He stated that WEST nor any of the other prisoners are ever allowed to keep large sums of money in their possession while being confined. He further stated that while WEST was confined in the jail, there was one trustee on duty at the jail, whose duty it is to operate the elevator, and Mr. BUTLER stated that he seriously doubted if this trustee would be a part of assisting subject WEST to escape.

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Subject WEST was questioned at length regarding his knowledge of other Federal violations, particularly the bank robbery that occurred in Birmingham, Alabama on January 23, 1953, and the subsequent bank robbery in Savannah, Georgia. He stated that he had been questioned by FBI Agents in Mississippi regarding the Birmingham robbery, and frankly did not know anything about this robbery. He stated that he did not participate or have any idea who may have been responsible for the robbery.

With reference to the bank robbery at Savannah, Georgia, subject stated that he did not take part in this robbery or have any positive information regarding the participants. He stated that he has lived in Savannah at various periods of time and is acquainted with a large number of individuals in the Savannah area who could be responsible for the robbery. He stated that he had no information to offer that would lead to the solution of the case.

WEST stated that in his opinion, the persons responsible for the Savannah bank robbery are residents of the Savannah area, and would undoubtedly be professional men. He said that in his travels through Savannah, he has "heard" that there was a "pretty good bank" that could be robbed due to location and size of the bank. He said that he did not want to become a part of any plans to rob a bank in Savannah.

WEST stated that he has spent the greater portion of his life in different prisons and had learned the prison life some years ago. He said he has a bitter dislike for anyone - referring to prisoners and persons under arrest - who cooperated with law enforcement officers or prison officials. He stated that he would not disclose the identity of anyone who violated the law regardless of the consequences.

Subject WEST indicated that he is proud of the fact that he knows and has been associated with notorious criminals and stated that he was looking forward to returning to the Atlanta Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia to serve his sentence, where he would again meet criminals who he has known in the past. In this connection, WEST said he has known FLOYD ALLEN HILL for some years and was hoping that HILL would now be back at the Atlanta Pen. It is noted that HILL was on the ten most wanted list until recently, when he was apprehended.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

AT WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

On May 20, 1953, subject WEST entered a plea of guilty in United States District Court to information charging him with violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code. This information charged

WEST with attempting to escape from the Cumberland County Jail at Fayetteville, North Carolina on or about March 13, 1953.

WEST also entered a plea of guilty to an indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury, Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 9, 1953, charging him with violation of Section 2312, Title 18, United States Code. This indictment charged him with on or about March 1, 1953 he transported interstate a stolen motor vehicle, a 1950 Chevrolet sedan, from Savannah, Georgia to Bolivia, North Carolina.

WEST entered a plea of guilty under Rule 20 to information filed in the Western District of Texas, charging him with the interstate transportation of a stolen 1949 Chevrolet from Bosque County, Texas to the state of Georgia on or about February 24, 1953.

WEST entered a plea of guilty to indictment dated April 1, 1953 from the Southern District of Mississippi, charging him with the interstate transportation of a stolen 1949 Pontiac from Chicago, Illinois to Vicksburg, Mississippi.

WEST entered a plea of guilty to indictment dated April 1, 1953 from the Southern District of Mississippi charging him with violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code in that he escaped from the Warren County Jail, Vicksburg, Mississippi on February 20, 1953 while being confined there as a Federal prisoner.

WEST entered a plea of guilty to indictment dated April 1, 1953 from the Southern District of Mississippi charging him with on or about February 20, 1953 he did transport interstate a stolen 1949 Pontiac from Vicksburg, Mississippi to Houston, Texas.

WEST was found guilty by the Honorable DON GILLIAM, United States District Judge, on all six separate charges and sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States, or his authorized representative, for imprisonment for a period of five years on each separate charge, all six sentences to run concurrently. The Court recommended that commitment be made to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

Enclosures: To: Bureau (2)  
One disposition sheet reflecting all six convictions,  
One Parole Report, both for subject WEST.

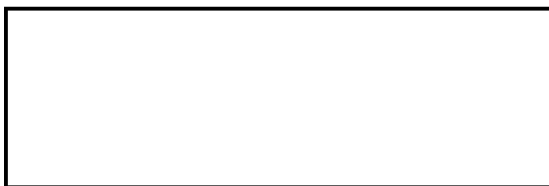
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One Parole Report on subject WEST.

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A copy of this report is being forwarded to the San Antonio Office inasmuch as subject was charged by that Office with violation of Section 2312, Title 18, United States Code.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA JAMES M. STOCKTON dated May 22, 1953 at New Orleans entitled "ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, etal: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE, NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT."

Report of SA JAMES M. STOCKTON dated May 22, 1953 at New Orleans entitled "LOCKWOOD REEVES, was., etal: ESCAPE AND RESCUE, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE."

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TITLE <b>"CHANGED" ALLEN CLAYTON WEST, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPE AND RESCUE; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN VEHICLE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject WEST sentenced to 5 years USDC, Wilmington, N.C. 5/20/53. Case closed.

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**DETAILS:**

The title of this case is marked changed in order to delete the names of subjects FRED DALE HAMMOND, JAMES FLAVOUS ROPE, and LOCKWOOD REEVES, INASMUCH AS those subjects have been sentenced in U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Miss. and their sentences reported.

AT JACKSON, MISS.

The Charlotte Office reported subject WEST was sentenced May 20, 1953 at Wilmington, North Carolina to serve 5 years in the custody of the Attorney General on all charges pending against him in the Southern District of Mississippi.

Chief of Police, OTTO T. FINANE, Vicksburg, Miss. was advised of the results of Federal prosecution of the subject in this case. FINANE had been previously advised of the results of Federal prosecution of the other three subjects in the Southern District of Mississippi.

All prosecutions have been completed in this case and are being closed.

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